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PREFACE

This volume is in continuation of the volume of Dinajpur records published in 1914 and completes the correspondence for the years 1786 to 1789 preserved in the Collectorate at Dinajpur. The volume previously published contains the letters received from May 1786 to December 1789; but of letters issued, it contains only those for the period September 1788 to December 1789. The letters issued from June 1786 to September 1788 not then available are now printed. A complete list of all the letters included in both volumes has been attached No correspondence earlier than 1786 is found at Dinajpur. For the earliest correspondence beginning from 1770, when a Supervisor (later called Collector) was appointed, reference should be made to the proceedings (which have been printed) of the Controlling Council of Revenue at Murshidabad, 1770-1772, and to the printed presslist of the Revenue Board of the whole Council for the period 1772 to 1774. From the latter year Dinajpur affairs were managed by the Provincial Council of Dinajpur, European collectors having been withdrawn. In May 1781 the Collector of Rangpur (a Collector had been reappointed there in 1777) was ordered to reside occasionally at Dinajpur to support the former in collecting the revenue. Matters relating to Dinajpur will therefore be found in the correspondence of the Collector of Rangpur during this period. The Rangpur letters from 1777 to 1785 have been printed. In 1786 Dinajpur became a separate collectorship.

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Dinagepore 19th June 178[.]

To JOHN STABLES ESQR

President &ca Members of the Co nmittee of Rev[. . .]

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform You with my Arrival here – & shall proceed without Delay to mak[*e*] the Settlement for the present Year –

The Demand for the Month of Choit 1192 has been liquidated, and there remains no Balance due upon the last Year. –

Upon Enquiry – no persons on the part of the Canongoes, reside in this District, You will be pleas[..] therefore to give Directions that proper Officers be dispatched for the purpose of establishing the Canongoes Office –

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen &ca

[No. 2]

To HENRY VANSITTART ESQR

Dinagepore 21st June 17[..]

Comptroller of Salt-

Sir,

Previous to the Receipt of Your Letter dated the 29th Ulto enclosing Copy of the Perwannah ifsued to the Rajah of Dinagepore, I had by Directions of the Committee of Revenue remov'd the Obstacles composed of by the Gomasta of Michael Andrew, & have pursued such measures as will effectually guard the Merchant from any Exactions in future-

I am

Sir, &ca

Dinagepore 22d June 1786-

[No. 3]

To JOHN STABLES ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

at

Fort William-

Gentlemen

I have this Moment been honored with your Commands under Date of Your Secretary's Letter the 16th Inst-

The Towjee therein alluded to was transmitted by the Collector of Rungpore to the late Committee from that Office I received it, to ascertain the Ballance, and thro' Mistake (occasioned by the hurry I was in at my departure) not returned-

In my Letter of the 19th Inst I had the pleasure to inform you that the Balance due at the End of the last year had been paid, and as the Vouchers from the Officers [.]ommanding the Regiment station'd here, and of that [.]ately return'd to Berhampore were forwarded to the [.]ollector of Rungpore prior to my Arrival, I concluded that the Information of the Balance having been paid would have been forwarded from thence-

Accompanying is an Account Jummah Wafsil Baky of Dinagepore for the last year made up to the 23d of Joit 1193, as also an Account particulars of the Receipts account the Balance stated in the Jummah Wasil Baky Account transmitted to me by the President of the late Committee of Revenue-

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen &ca

Dinagepore 24 June 1786-

[No. 4] To John Stables Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

Having concluded the Settlement of Pergunna, Havillee Pingira &ca with the Zemindar Raja Radanaut for the present Year, I have the honor to transmit to You the Account Settlement Kistbundee and Cubooleat in English & Persian, the Jumma the same as last Year; but in consequence of the Resumption of the Moshaira, the Kistbundee for the present Year is formed accor[.]ing to that of the Year 1191 - B.S.-

In making of the Settlement I have not been able to adhere to the Board's Orders respecting the Canongo[..] there being no Officers as yet deputed on their parts, in this Pergunna-

Upon their Arrival the Cannongoes Office will immediately be established conformably to the Board's Directions, and in the Interim I have delivered to the Zemindar a Perwannah directing his implicit Attention, Copy of Perwanna with Translate forms a part of the Enclosures-

I shall have the honor to inform the Board in a few Days with the Day to be fix'd upon by the Raja for holding of the Poonea, and remain with Respect-

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient Servant

Dinagepore 28th June 1786-

[No. 5] To

Rob^T^ Percival Pott Esq^R^

Custom Master at Muxadabad

Sir,

Upon a Complaint made to You by Gopaul Saw against Bridjoo and Nunderam Gaut Manjee inhabitants of this Division & Sepoys and two Chaprafsee Peons are arrived here with your Perwanna and Godadur the Vakeel of the Plaintiff- The Complaint is for Robbery and the Parties I have referr'd to the Phousdarry Audawlut /such of them as are apprehended/ the Vakeel of the Plaintiff is bound over to prosecute, and the Sepoys together with the Peons I have directed to return- The Parties now in Custody are only the Securities for the Appearance of the Defendants Brijoo and Nunderam Gaut Manjees, who are in Confinement at the Tauzepore Audawlut- It will be necefsary to direct the people who were Evidences of the Fact to attend the Phousdarry Audawlut & to support the Charge

I am, Sir, &c^a^

Dinagepore 3d July 1786

[No. 6] To John Stables Esq^R^

President &c^a^ Members of the Board of Revenue-

Fort William

Gentlemen

Jonkeeram Sing, the person in the Management of the Zemindary, has notified to me, that the Moffufsil Poonea of the District, is to be held on the 31st of the present Bengal month of Afsar, and at the Sudder on the 8th day of Shawvun ;-

I did hope to have been enabled to inform You that the Sudder Poonea would have been held within the present month of Afsar, but all my Entreaties, personal & by Letters to this Effect, were oblig'd to give way to the Superstitious interpretations of the Pundits, who are always consulted upon these Occasions-

I have the honor to remain-

Gentlemen &c^a^-

[No. 7] CHARLES GRANT ESQ[R] Dinagepore 14[th] July 1786

President at Mauldah

SIR,

In consequence of a Durkhaust from the Zemindar of this Division; Transcript of which I inclose a Dustuck has been ifsued to afford the Relief requir'd, and I shall be much oblig'd to you to cause Direction to be sent to the Gomasta at Sam Gunge - to prevent any difficulties on his part, in re-establishing of the Riots, and restoring them to their former situation,-

I am Sir &c[a].

[No. 8] To JOHN STABLES ESQ[R] 16[th] July 1786-

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.-

GENTLEMEN,

I have received your Secretary's Letter of the 3[d] Instant.

From the Enquiry I have made into the Causes of Suspension of the Canongoes Office in this District, I find the Chief, to have arisen from the Officers heretofore deputed by the Head Canongoes, being left without a Salary and wholly dependant on the Zemindar for a Maintenance- To effectually re-establish this very necefsary Office of Record in its fullest Powers, it will be proper that an adequate Monthly Salary & Establishment be fixed by the Head Canongoes for the Persons they shall depute to transact the Businefs of it- The Payment to their Delegates be regularly made and to guard against the Evil Consequences which may result from the Officers being reduc'd to the necefsity of depending upon the Zemindar for support the monthly Charge be defrayed by me and inserted in the Accounts under the Head of CANONGOES RUFSOOM to be transfer'd to the Debit of the account with the Canongoes at the Sudder when the annual Payment of their Rufsoom shall take place- The Office will then be preserv'd in its due Vigour, and the Efforts of the Zemindar to obstruct and counteract the Intent of it, in a great degree defeated-

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen &c[a]

[No. 9] To PETER SPEKE ESQ[R] Dinagepore 17[h] July 1786-
Collector of Radshi

Sir,

The enclosed Representation, from the Rajah of this District, requires your Attention Shair Must a Decoit residing in Pergunna Pertaubbazzoo Chuckla Butteriah in Radshi has seized three Riots from the Neighbouring Pergunna of Apole which is in this Division & has alarmed the Inhabitants to such a Degree by his Depredations, that they are eloping and of course the Revenues of that Pergunna will be affected by it if not put a timely Stop to

A Person on the Part of Rajah Radanaut attends you to give the Information you may require

I am Sir &c[a] &c[a]

18[th] July 1786—

[No. 10] To Lieu[t] Thomas Sibthorpe
Commanding at Dinagepore

Sir,

I am honored with y[r] Letter of this day's date, & shall hope to have it in my power to discharge the Amount of the Drafts from the Mil[y] Pay M[r] Gen[l] in the course of the next Week -

I am Sir, &c[a]

[No. 11] To JOHN STABLES ESQ[R] 18[th] July 1786 -
President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue -
Fort William

Gentlemen,

From the Want of timely medical Afsistance in a case which lately happen'd in the Neighbourhood of Dinagepore, as well as the casual Relief to be afforded to the Europeans who reside in its Environs, I beg to request that a medical Afsistant be stationed at this Place -

Exclusive of the above Inducements to recommend this measure, my state of Health is so infirm, especially since my Arrival that I anxiously hope the Board will be pleased to support my Application. -

From the thorough Knowledge of my Constitution deriv'd from a constant & succefsful Treatment of my Complaint; I humbly solicit the Board will be pleased to indulge me with their Nomination of M[r] James Rofs - to whose Skill I am indebted for my late recovery from a very dangerous fit of Sicknefs. -

I have Honor to be
Gentlemen, &c[a]

[No. 12] To

Lieu^T Tho^S Sibthorpe . . . . Dinagepore 19^h July 1786.

Commanding

Sir,

Be pleased to direct a party of Sepoys to hold themselves in readinefs to proceed on Duty -

A Havildar & twelve men -

I am, Sir &c^a

[No. 13] To John Stables Esq^R . . . . 20^th July 1786 -

Presid^t &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue -

Gentlemen -

In the center of the Pergunna Surhutta in this District is a Mozah named Hutcheea belonging to Mahasha Canongoe paying separately, from the Pergunna under the general Title of Rokunpore which includes all the Lands held by the aforesaid Canongoe -

Upon a Complaint of one of the Riauts of the Surhutta Pergunnah against the managers of the Revenue of Mozah Hutcheea for extraordinary acts of violence, and Confinement, I deputed a peon to bring a reply to the Complaint. The Consequence is, that the people complained against not satisfied with denying the Jurrisdiction of the Collector, have cruelly maimed, and almost murdered the Officer, who carried to them the Copy of the Complaint -

Contumacious Conduct of this Nature may be productive of the most pernicious Consequences. The Zemindarree Amlah of this Division afsert that from this Mozah's being independant of the Pergunna of Surhutta, the Managers of it have become of late years a Terror to their Neighbours, seizing upon the Riauts & their properties committing other outrages to the great distrefs of the Inhabitants and Detriment of the Revenue.

I have for the present sent to apprehend the Agrefsors & recommend that the Revenues of the Moza of Hutcheea now paid under the Title of Pergunna Rokunpore, be directed to pay in future to me - this mode will effectually destroy that pernicious Authority which is now usurped by the Managers of Lucnarrain Roy the Canongoe and evince to others who enjoy the Indulgence of paying direct to Government, that Opposition to its Authority in any Shape, will be attended with the consequent Forfeiture of their Favour -

Copy with Translate of the Complt and Procefs are annexed -

I have the Honor to be &c^a

This Letter
not laid before
the Board
but return'd.

o. 14] To John Stables Esq[r] . . . . . 20th July 1786 -

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to transmit a Tawjee Account for the Months of Bysaac, Joit & Afsar of the present Year -

The Ballance will appear collected in the ensuing month's Towjee for the reasons adverted to at the foot of the present Account. -

I am Gentlemen &c[a]

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o. 15] To John Stables Esq[r] . . . 25th July 1786 -

President of the Khalsa -

Sir,

I have been honor'd with Your Letter of the 12th & shall pay a ready, & particular Attention to its Contents -

No Petitions have hitherto been referred to me -

I am Sir, &c[a]

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o. 16] To Jonathan Duncan Esq[r] Dinagepore July 25th 1786 -

Preparer of the Khalsa Records -

Sir,

I have received Your Letter enclosing a Copy of a Petition of Joy Ramdofs - As soon as the Parties attend, I shall not fail going into an immediate Investigation of the matter, and duly forward the result for your *Information* -

I am, Sir

G Hatch

[No. 17] To Matthew Dawson Esq[r] 26[th] July 1786 -

Collector

Moorshedabaud

Sir,

I have received Your Letter of the 23[d] Inns[t]

The Poonea of this District has been but just held, and when my Accounts, shall have been made up, whatever Balance shall appear, I will remit to you, by Hoondie upon Moorshedabaud - and request you, to preserve my Credit upon these Occasions, by not making a Demand for Payment until the fix'd Way of Payment shall arrive - Upon these Terms I can obtain Drafts from the ſhroffs here, but upon no other.

I am Sir &c[a]

[No. 18] M[R] FERRAMONT - 27[h] July 1786 -

Sir,

I have sent a Purwanna to the Cutwaal at Cunsuma Gunge to supply you with the Boats you require - but from the Acco[t] your Servant gives I doubt much if any Boats of the Burthen you want are to be met with at Cunsumah Gunge

The rate of Boat hire from Consuma Gunge to Calcutta is 21 r[s] the °/o M[ds] & from Raujgunge 18 r[s] the °/o Maunds

I am Sir &c[a]

Danigepore the 31[st] July 1786

[No. 19] To MATTHEW DAWSON ESQ[RE]

Collector at Moorshadabad

Sir

I have the pleasure to transmit under cover two Hundees drawn by Bolanaut and Jewun Doſs upon Sheoram Doſs Kham doſs & Lolla Runnud Doſs, Bankers of Moorshadabad payb[le] at 25 days sight. -

1 Hundee for S[a] R[s]	64,181 .5.
1 Ditto - ,,	51.000 -
Sicca Rupees	1.15181.5 -

together with a Letter from Bolanaut and Jewun doſs, to the Bankers upon whom the Drafts are -

I am Sir

Your very obed[t] hble ſe

Dinagepore 1st Augt 1786 -

No. 20] To JOHN STABLES ESQR -

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue -

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit under Cover the Treasury Account of this Collectorship for the month of July in English & Persian .

The Balance of Sa rs 13,000 - I have detain'd for the Payment of a Draft in favor of the commanding Officer at this Station -

I am Gentlemen &ct

No. 21] To Thomas Henchman Esqre

Dinagepore

P Mr Genl

Fort William

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform You with the dates of payment of the followg Drfts

No 69	- drawn by Mr Thos Brown P Mr in favor of Captn Ogle paid the 27th Ulto - C rs	199. 12. 9.
No 14	Ditto Mr Farguharson Ditto to Major Dunn Ditto - Do -	4.617. 14. 6.
No 16	Ditto - Ditto - Ditto to Afsistt Surgn Benjham 31st Ulto -	3.475. 1. 5.
No 27	Ditto - Ditto - Ditto - Do -	1.289. 13. 1.
No 22	Ditto - Ditto - Ditto to Major Dunn - Ditto - Do -	14,269. 6. 9.
No 31	Ditto Ditto - Ditto 1st August - -	14.878. 3 -

Dinagepore the 1st of August

1786

I am Sir

Your obedt hble Sr

[No. 22] To

1st of August 1786 -

M^R J,, FERRAMONT -

at Cunsuma Gunge -

Sir,

In compliance with the enclosed Copy of the Governor General and Council's Letter - be pleased to notify to me, Your Occupation, and Time You have resided in India, in order that I may reply to the Board of Revenue's Direction to me upon this fubject.

I am Sir &c^a

[No. 23] L^T THO^S SIBTHORPE - - - - - - -

DINAGEPORE 2^d Aug^st - 1786 -

Commanding,

Sir

The Raja having informed me that Mudgeenoo a Fakeer together with a number of his Followers are collected in the Pergunna of gheelabarra, and are seizing of the Pergunna Omla to the great detriment of the Collections - I request you will please to order a Party of sepoys to be deputed forthwith to quell the disturbance -

If the Officer to be deputed will please to wait upon me, I will deliver over to his Charge - Guides &c^a and furnish such other instructions as may appear necefsary -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obed^t hble Serv^t

[No. 24] To

Lieut^t Ainslie

command^g the Party

detach'd into the Pergunna of

Gheelabarry

Sir

The Naib Kifsenpursaud Surma of the Pergunne of Gheelbarry having represented that Mudgenoo Fakier together with a numerous body of followers have enter'd the Pergunna and encamp'd at a Moza or Village call'd Châckool about two Cofs to the Southward of the Cutcherry at Gheelbarry and that some of the followers have actually been to the Cutcherry taken away the Head Tufseeldar or Collector, several inhabitants and demanded sums of Money

I have to solicit your Attention to the following Points

Upon your Arrival at Ghillabarry that you will be pleas'd to inform yourself with the route by which Mudgenoo enter'd the Pergunna, and if He should have decamp'd prior to your arrival and there should be any pofsibility of apprehending him by a pursuit to the Borders of the District that you will take such means as you may deem most expedient, for the seizing of Him or any of his followers; and inform Me of your intention. Gheellabarry Pergunna is the boundary of this District to the South East of Danigepore, and I would recommend that in Case Mudgenoo should have retreated to any considerable Distance from the Pergunna, and out of the Boundary of this District, that you remain in Gheellabarry until such Time as Peace shall be restor'd-The Inhabitants return'd to their Dwellings, and the Officers of the Collection, reafsume their Duty-

Enclos'd is a Dustuck to the Naib of Gheellabarry Kifsenpursaud Surma to give you every information relative to the Motions of Mudgenoo and to afford you all the Afsistance in his Power. One Sardar nam'd Santiram and six Guides attend you to shew the route,-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obed^t hble ſt

Danigepore

the 2^d August 1786

No. 25] To Joseph Champion Esq^r — 3^d August 1786-

Collector of

Silberris

Sir,

The Commanding Officer at this station with a View to facilitate the Payment of the Detachment at Shilberris, has paid to me Sonnaut rupees four thousand one hundred, which I shall give Credit for in my Treasury Account for the present Month, and when You shall have ifsued this Amount to the Detachment, you will please to charge it in your Treasury Account-The proper Transfer will of course be made at the Presidency by the Accountant General-

I am Sir, &c^a

[No. 26] To JOHN STABLES ESQ^R^ DINAGEPORE 3^d^ Aug^st^ -86

President &c^a^ Members of the Board of Revenue-

Fort William-

Gentlemen,

The Naib of Pergunna Gheelabarra having informed me that Mudgenoo Fakier with a numerous Banditti have enter'd the Pergunna, and plunder'd the Cutcherry- I yesterday detach'd a Company of Sepoys from the Regiment at this Station under the command of L^t^ John Ainslie—

Copy of my Letter to that Officer I enclose-
and have the Honor to remain-
Gentlemen
Your very Oded^t^ hble serv^t^

[No. 27] To M^r^ J,, FERRAMONT, - - - - 4^h^ August 1786 -

at

Cunsumma Gunge -

Sir,

I have sent Directions to the Gomastah of Cunsuma Gunge, to afford You relief From Your Account of your Situation I am induc'd to conclude, that no Boats are to be met with for hire at Cunsuma and that the Boat which has been made over to You, is the property of some Merchants in this Case the Persons who deliver'd it to you shall be punish'd - and I would recommend the returning of it to the Proprietor, as the shortest and most equitable Mode, of putting a Period to a Contest between You, and the Proprietor. -

If Boats be not to be hired at Cunsuma Gunge, I cannot take upon myself, to oblige the Merchants at that place to furnish You with them - and in the Event of Boats being to be hir'd, I scarcely doubt but what the Proprietors, will rent them to You at the established rates of hire, in like manner as they are accustomed to do to the Natives. -

I am, Sir, &c^a^

[No. 28] To W. LARKINS ESQ^R^ - - - Dinagepore 4^th^ Aug^st^ 1786 -

Accomptant General -

Sir

Enclosed, I have the pleasure to transmit the Running Treasury Account of this Division for the Month of July - The second Bill of Exchange to M^r^ Bingham for C r^s^ 3,475,, 1,, 5 - has been mislaid by him, & shall be sent to you when found -

I am, Sir, &c^a^ -

Dinagepore 6h Augt 1786.

[No. 29] To

Lieut John Ainslie

Commanding the Detachment

Sir,

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 5h Instant

The Commanding Officer will send You Instructions - and I shall by this nights Post write to Mr McDowal to inform him that Mudgenoo is proceeding towards the neighbourhood of Rungpore - should you require a reinforcement, the Commanding Officer at this station will send a party upon your Application to him - should a Junction of any part of the Corps stationed at Rungpore appear to you expedient please to apply to M. McDowal the Collector. -

I am

Sir &ca

[No. 30] To D,, H,, McDowall Esqr - - 6t Augt 1786 -

Collector of

Rungpore

Sir,

I have this Moment receiv'd Information from Lieut Ainslie detached from this station in pursuit of Mudgenoo Fakeer - that in consequence of the Arrival of his Detachment in the Pergunna of Ghellabarry - Mudgenoo and his followers have proceeded to the Boarders of Goragat bearing about 40 miles S. S. W. 10. from your Station, and is now encamp'd at a Village named Recavie - I have sent Instructions to Lt Ainslie to pursue him, & request you will comply with any Application from that Officer for a Reinforcement

I am Sir &ca -

Dinagepore 7th Augt 1786 -

[No. 31] To Matthew Dawson Esqr

Collector at

Muxadavad

Sir,

I have receiv'd Your Letter of the 4th Instant and in lieu of those Bills You have return'd on account of non-acceptance - I now enclose You a Hundee for Sicca rups 1,15181-5 - upon Jaggernaut Saw the son of Radakifsen Saw, payable 17 days after sight - Gunnefs Baboo the Gomasta of the above Shroff attends you to make good the Payment of the Bill at the stipulated Time

I am

Sir &ca

Danigepore the 9th August 1786.

[No. 32] To John Stables Esqre

President &a Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen

In compliance with your commands under date of your Secys Letter of /   Ult° I have call'd upon the Raja to deliver an account of the Waste Lands in this District - He informs Me that he will make the necefsary enquiry, and report the result immediately upon his receiving information from the several Pergunnahs composing this Division, and for which purpose he has dispatch'd Orders to the Pergunna Amlah—

I am Gentlemen

Your very Obedt hble ft

Dinagepore 11th August 1786.

[No. 33] LIEUT JOHN AINSLIE

Commanding the Detachment

at

SURHUTTA -

SIR

I congratulate you upon Your Victory, and shall take particular pleasure in communicating of Your gallant Behaviour to the Board by this Night's Dawk -

I imagine all hope must now vanish of coming up with the Principal Mudgenoo, in which case, You will please to return with your Detachment to Dinagepore I shall have the Gratification of returning to You in Person, my thanks for the very signal Service you have performed -

The Ammunition &ca the Commanding Officer at this Station will direct to be dispatched to you with all Expedition -

I have the honor to be

Sir &ca

Danigepore the 11th Augst 1786

[No. 34] To John Stables Esqre

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

Gentlemen

I have the Honor, and particular satisfaction to notify to you the signal Defeat of Mudginoo, obtain'd by Lieutt John Ainslie commandg the Party deputed from this station the 2d Instt Copy of that Officer's Letter I annex for your information.

From the further accounts I have received, it appears that the Body of men with Mudgenoo, consisted of between two and three Thousand - the Party commanded by Lt Ainslie of any One Company of Sepoys and the Engagement was a very obstinate one. The compleat Defeat of this Banditti is, of the most signal Service to the District, and, reflects, the highest Honour upon Lt Ainslie - The Gallant, and very spirited behaviour display'd upon the occasion requires not recommendation or encomium, to induce the Board to attend to the Merits of this Officer.

Danigepore
the 11th August
1786 -

I am Gentlemen
Your very obedt hble ſe

15t Augt 1786 -

[No. 35] To Mr Gray

Register of the Audawlut

at Taujepore.

Sir,

I send to You a Peon, who had Charge of the enclos'd Precept - particulars of the Case are stated separately - and I will be obliged to you, to guard as much as may be in yr Power against similar Circumstances happening in future -

I am Sir &ca

[No. 36] The Complaint at Touzepore states defamation to be the Grounds against the Parties complaining at the Danigepore Cutcherry—they are releas'd from the Peon, on account of their being Riauts and having lands with the Crop standing—further the Plff at the Touzepore Awdawlut is an inhabitant of this Place, and the nature of his Complaint cognizable. by the Officer of the Phouzdarry, here resident upon the spot,—what makes the complexion of this Businefs bear so dark an aspect, is, that the Peon who was in Charge of the Summons from the Tauzepore Awdawlut, has levied 13 Rupees from the Parties who are the Defendts in the Tauzepore Awdawlut, and has scarcely

had the Precept in his Pofsession a Month - The Peon has been directed to refund and is recommended to m^r Gray for his Deserts—as punishment is the only check to these enormities—indeed—The Costs falling upon the Defendants before the Charge against them can be decided, is unusual in all Courts of Justice, and can only tend favour the Litigious, and to create an apprefsion [*sic*] of which in all case, especially wherein the Cultivators of the Land are concern'd should be studiously avoided -

DANIGEPORE the 15^th Aug^st 1786 -

To M, Gray Esq^r

Register of the Adawlut at Touzepore -

[No. 37] To MARMADUKE GRAY ESQ^R- Dinagepore 18^th Aug^st 1786 -

Register of the Awdawlut
at TAUZEPORE.

Sir

Mucksuck Beg having represented that Loll Jean has not made over to Him a proper division of the Lands decreed in the Tauzepore Awdawlut to the Heirs of Raujoo Bibee, and there being now a dispute between the Parties relative to the Rent-roll of the Lands no decreed- I shall be much oblig'd to you to cause a Copy of the Hebba, or Will, upon which the Decree was given, to be sent to Me - The Date of the Decree pafs'd in the Awdawlut of Tauzepore in favour of Loll Jean is the 3^d of Boysack 1191- or the 12^th April 1784 -

I am Sir
Your very Obed^t hble Serv^t

[No. 38] RICHARD GOODLAD ESQ^R - Dingagepore [*sic*] 19^th Aug^st 1786-

Collector of Goragat -

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 13^th and am Oblig'd by your attention in guarding against the opprefsions of the Rajahs Omla in your Nighbourhood,-

I have punish'd the Drogha of Haut Gomany Gunge and have order'd Him to return, accompanied by a Hookamnama which is to be published, and I hope will have the effect of preventing such illegal exactions in future- I have also sent a Perwanna to the Naib of the 7 Anna Division of Goragot Jayseb sing, Chowdry, directing Him to prohibit these Practices, and informing him that upon any complaint being made in future.- I shall deem Him answerable, and punish him accordingly -

I am Sir
Your very Obed^t hble Serv^t

No. 39] To JOHN STABLES ESQ[R] - Dinagepore 29[th] August 1786-

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William·

Gentlemen,

I have been honor'd with y[r] Commands under Date of Your Secretary's Letter of the 10[t] Instant -

The Naibs of the Canongoes with their Officers are daily expected here; upon their Arrival, the Papers requir'd shall be forwarded with their Attestation affixed, in the Interim, if the Board will be pleased to return the Account Settlement and Kistbundee (Persian) forwarded in my Letter of the 24[t] June, I will exchange them with the Rajah, for those to be attested by the Canongoes's -

With respect to the necefsary measures to be pursued for establishing the Canongoes Office in its full Vigour, and upon a Permanent fystem, in this District, I beg to refer to my Letter of the 16[th] Ultimo

For want of this necefsary Office of Record, I find myself much at a Lofs to obtain the Information relative to the alienated Lands, and Jumma, in this Division, and I have reason to apprehend that without the Afsistance of the Canongoes the above material Objects cannot be ascertain'd, nor indeed any other that may require Investigation if it depend in any degree upon an Application to the Records of the Zemindarry, or relate to sequester'd Lands appropriated without Authority to the Use of the Zemindarry Amla or other Dependants upon the Raja -

I have the honor to be &c[a]

Dinagepore 30[t] Aug[st] 1786 -

No. 40] To JONATHAN DUNCAN ESQ[R]

Preparer of Reports Rev[e] Dep[t]

Sir,

Onup Talookdar has this day delivered to me Your Letter of the 3[d] June, enclosing & referring to me for Investigation his Complaint -

The delay in the delivery of Your Letter will prevent my making a report so speedily as you require -

I am, Sir &c[a]

Dinagepore 7th Sept[r] 1786

[No. 41] To John Stables Esq[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

Being entirely without a Habitation at this Place & the House occupied, formerly by the Collectors in too ruinous a State to be Habitable - I request I may be permitted the indulgence of a sett of the Company's Tents to live in until, I shall have erected a place for my Residence -

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen &c[a]

8th Sept[r] 1786 -

[No. 42] To Joseph Champion Esq[R]

Collector Silberris

Sir,

In consequence of Your Letter referring the Petition of of Jangueepore to me for Adjustment, I have obliged the Pyekha'ast Riaut Resident in this Division, to pay the whole of his Rents - and the complaining Party has declar'd in my Presence, his Claim satisfied -

This Mode of Reference from one Collector to the other of the Complaints of such who reside upon the Boundaries of the several Zillas will be productive of the most salutary Effects - Peace will be preserv'd where it is most liable to be disturbed, and the Collusion of a Sett of Knaves who uphold their Riauts in refractory - and illegal Conduct, be most effectually broken, and in all Cases where I may have Occasion to apply for Your Afsistance I shall hope to meet with a ready acquiescence -

I am, Sir

Your &c[a]

Dinagepore 9" Sept[r] 1786 -

[No. 43] To Joseph Champion Esq[r]

Collector of Silberris -

Sir,

The Commanding Officer at this Station has paid to me Sonaut rupees two thousand five hundred and Ninety one, for the Purpose of paying the Detachment on Command with You -

You will please to charge this Sum in Your Treasury Account and I shall give You Credit this month

I am Sir-&c[a]

[No. 44] To JOHN STABLES ESQ[R]— Dinagepore 9[th] Sept[r] 1786

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

Be pleased to honor me with Credit on account of the Collections of this Division for the Amount of the Accompanying Draft-

I am

Gentlemen &c[a]

A Draft drawn by M[r] Dawson upon the Board of Revenue for Sicca Rupees 1,15,181-5-dated 3[d] Sept[r] 1786-enclosed in the above Letter-

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[No. 45] To MATTHEW DAWSON ESQ[RE]

9[th] Sept[r] 1786-

Chief of Muxadavad

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 5[th] of August accompanying a representation from the Dewan of the Rokunpore Zemindar- the Cause which gave rise to this Complaint was the ill-treatment one of my Peons, received who was deputed with a Dustuck into Moza Hafseea, merely to bring a reply to the complaint made by Kyrulla an inhabitant of Battasun Pergunna and who claim'd Revenue for Pyekâast cultivation from a Riaut of Hafsêea - your having deputed a Person to Hafseea will I hope be the means of preventing any dispute arising in future - Hafsêea, and Battasun are bordering upon each other - and I shall be oblig'd to you to cause directions to be given to the Amla residing at the Cutcherry in Hafseea that upon all occasions where the Revenue on the score of Pykaust cultivation from the inhabitants of Pergunna Battasun, shall be wilfully withheld by application to Me I will afford ample redrefs and Vice versa on their parts, I shall expect the same attention-

The copy of the Dustuck to the peon I enclose, from its tenor, you will perceive that the cruel Treatment shewn the Peon and on which account I caus'd Sepoys'to be sent to apprehend the Aggrefsors, was wanton & unmerited. The Copy of the Riaut's petition I also annex

I am Sir

Your obed[t] hble fr

N. B.—This part not sent

Since writing—it has come to my Knowledge that the the [*sic*] Peon & Sepoy you have deputed to Hafsêea, proved in consequence of a Dharkaast from the offending Party, representing my Conduct as the Cause for the Application.— I take leave to observe, that if it appear'd to you irregular, the sort of Notice

you have taken of it, can be productive of no good Effect.- *it discloses a* Jealousy of Authority, which with men acting under a regular Government, should never even be supposed to exist- much more, be displayed to those, who at all Times ought to look up to it with respect-

The Procefs, I ifsued upon the faith annex'd to the records of this District and which exhibit Moza Hafsêea, as having been made Kharridge, and the Rents payable to the Khalsa- The Petition of Complaint referr'd to me by the the Collector of Rungpore—and originated prior to the forming of the separate Zillahs by M[r] Graham-

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Danigepore the 22 fept[r]
1786

[No. 46]

To Charles Grant Esq[re]

Resident at Malda

Sir

Durgaram Farmer of Buttoora in Pergunna Suntose and Ramdun Surma Farmer of Turruffs Besnyee and Coshpore having some time since represented that the Weavers inhabitants of these Places withheld their Revenues, I deputed two Peons to afsist in collecting of their Rents - The Peons with their Precepts together with a Letter from the Chowdry of the Pergunna are return'd and represent that the Weavers have again oppos'd coming to any adjustment of their Rents due to the Farmers - The Order I have now sent for this purpose directs the Peons to carry the Weavers to the Farmers who are to make an immediate adjustment of their Accounts, and to release them as soon as they shall have liquidated the claim upon them for Revenue - for your further information I enclose copy of the Order -

I shall be very sorry if a repetition of the refractory conduct of these Weavers should reduce Me to the necefsity of taking coercive measures to enforce the payment of their just dues to Government -

In two Instances my Orders have been treated with wilful neglect ; and in the hope of contributing to the Ease, and facility of your Businefs, as also secure to the Farmer the Rents due from the Weavers, I have taken the liberty to solicit your Aid, and by your ordering such directions to be given, to the Agent at Nishanpore as shall prevent any cause for future complaint upon similar Occasions - all further Trouble may be avoided.

I am Sir

Your very obed[t] hble fr

No. 47] To Lieut. Thos Sibthorpe

commanding

at Danigepore

Sir

Information having been received that a Banditti of Faquiers have enter'd the Pergunna of Beejanagur, seized, and confin'd - many of the principal Riauts & extorting from them Money - I request you will please to order a Party to hold Themselves in readinefs to march to the relief of the Officers of the Collections, and inhabitants residing in that Pergunna - If you will also request The Officer who shall command the Party to wait upon Me - I will furnish Him with such instructions as may occur as necefsary, and with Guides to conduct his Detachment -

I have the Honor to be Sir

Danigepore

Your very Obedt hble fr

the 25th fept^r 1786.

No. 48] To L^T H M. D Esterre

commandg the Detachment to

Pergunna

Beejanagur

Sir

Upon your arrival with your Party at the Village of Tellun in Pergunna Bejanagur you will be pleas'd to inform yourself with the Route Moosha Saw and his Banditti have taken -

This Faquier has confin'd many of the principal Riauts in the Pergunna of Beejanagur and been guilty of other enormities, such as beating and extorting Money from Them.

The first Objects of your attention I wish to be directed to is the restoring of Peace to the Inhabitants and guarding the Officers of the Collections from being disturb'd in their Duty -

Guides will attend You to conduct you to the Village of Tellun and which lies 5 Cofs to the South-west of Danigepore and I enclose a Perwanna, Runjeet Chowdry of the Pergh. to afford you all the aid you may require. Be pleas'd to inform Me upon your arrival with the information you may be able to collect relative to the situation of these Faquiers -

I have the honor to be Sir

Danigepore

the 25th fept^r 1786

[No. 49] To PETER SPEKE ESQ^R

Collector of Radshie -

Sir

I annex for your information Copy of a Letter, this Day received from Panchanund Naib of Pergunna Appole. - The Ravages created by Shair Must, & Rozije Sirdar make me very apprehensive for the Security of the Revenues of that Pergunna - a Vakeel attends you to give you any further particulars you may require - and to solicit, that you will repeat your Orders to the Aumeen and Naib of Purtaubbeazor Pergunna, to stimulate them to their Duty, in apprehending of these People -

I am Sir
Your very Obed^t hble Serv^t

Dinagepore
the 25^th Sept^r 1786 -

[No. 50] To RICHARD GOODLAD ESQ^R

Collector of

Goragat &c^a

Sir

I annex Copy of a Letter this Day received from Panchanund Naib of the Appole Pergunna - - for your information should Shair Must, & Rozije Sirdar be in your District I requst you will give Orders for their being apprehended - The Vokeel of Appole attends to give any further information you may require -

I am Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Serv^t

DINAGEPORE
the 25^th Sept^r 1786 -

[No. 51] To LIEUT^T H. M. D. ESTERRE

commanding the Detachment

in Pergunna

Beejanagur

Sir

I am honor'd with the receipt of your Letter of this days date from Brool -

If in your opinion you can bring Moosha Saw to an Engagement and thereby destroy or disperse the Party with them I advise your pursuing Him to the Boundaries of this District, but not beyond - - - taking the precaution in case he should escape out of the District, to inform the Collector of the District into which he may fly. with the Circumstance -

I am Sir
Your very Obed^t hble Serv^t

DINAGEPORE
the 26^th Sept^r 1786 -

No. 52] To Charles Grant Esq[re]

Resident at Maulda

Sir

I enclose copys of a representation this day received from Ramsunker Surma Naib, and Gobind Chund Gose Moorreef of Haat Tarrapore, in Pergunna Soojanagur, against the Gomasta of the Cooter at Jaggernautpore for creating of a Disturbance in the Haat Tarrapore by sending Sepoys to carry away Radapursaud Cubraaze the Mohrer of the Market ; - and supporting the weavers in their contumacy.

I understand that the cause of this conduct originates from the demand made by the Revenue Officer upon the Weavers for the Duties upon the Thread sold Them in the Haat this Duty forms one of the sources of the Jumma of that Market and cannot now the Settlement is made be relinquish'd or commuted. ,- however the Conduct of the Gomasta is entirely extra official, and of a tendency to up-hold the Riauts in their natural inclination to dis-obedience which ultimately must tend to create a Deficiency in the Rents. - The impropriety of this conduct, is what I wish of you to take notice of and be pleas'd to cause immediate and peremptory Orders to be sent to the Gomasta residing at Jaggernautpore, to with-hold from the practice of sending sepoys, or Peons, to seize the Officers of the Collections - and in case of any illegal conduct on their Parts towards the Agents and the Weavers in employ of the Company. that he be directed to apply to you in the first instance when & if your interposition should fail of Effect, I will punctually afford such Redrefs as the nature of the grievance may require. -

I am Sir

DANIGEPORE — Your obedt hble ſt

the 26[th] ſept[r] 1786.

No. 53] To LIEU[T] H. M. D. ESTERRE- — DENAGEPORE 27[th] Sept[r] 1786.

Commanding the Detachm[t]

near Joggernautpore

Sir,

I have receiv'd Your Letter of the 26[th] from near Jaggernautpore—

Be pleas'd upon receipt of this, to return w[th] your Detachment into Camp at Dinagepore, & to bring Moosha Saw along with you-

I am, Sir, &c[a]-

[No. 54] To Thomas Graham Esq^{r} Dinagepore 30" Sept^{r} 1786

Acting Compt^{r} Grain,

Sir,

I have been honor'd with Your Letter of the 25th Instant-

The Delay on the part of the Souba at Allahabad in receiving of the remainder of the Grain has been the reason for my not hitherto having been enabled to finally adjust the accounts-

My Agent at Allahabad has left that Place with all the Accounts of this Transaction- and as I intend being at the Presidency in the course of next month, I request I may be permitted to await that Period to adjust the Grain Accounts-indeed all the Papers relative to it are at the Presidency-

I am Sir.

Your very obed^{t} hble ferv^{t}

Dinagepore 3^{d} October 1786-

[No. 55] To Th^{s} Henchman Esq^{re}

Milit^{y} P m^{r} Gen^{l}

Fort Willi[*am*]-

Sir

I have been honor'd with your Letter of the 12th Ult^{o}-

In addition to the Pleas I have already humbly submitted to the Honble Board under date the 10th of July, I beg to observe that subsequent to my appointment of Paymaster to the 1st Brigade a considerable portion of the Commifsion upon the Bengal Army Disbu[*rsem*]ents was alienated.

The Disbursements of Detachments during the War were the most considerable, and the Commifsion of course equally so, the Five establish'd Paymasters of the Army upon some of these occasions, (indeed I believe in General,) have never benefitted, as the Commifsion was not thrown into one General Stock, and divided in proportions as directed by Minutes of Council of the Month of June 1786, but specially applied to the use of the Paymaster or his Deputy, serving with the Detachment; by this Mode the Five Paymasters in Bengal-who were Senior Merchants and old Servants, did not partake of the principal part of such Emoluments and advantages, to enable Them to acquire, a just and fair compensation to make up for the Lofses, which unavoidably accrue, from Casualties, and other Occurrences happening to prevent the recovery of Retrenchments ;-

A double Audit of the Disbursements during one Year- in the first instance by the Auditor General in the Field, from Him to the re-audit and final check of the Commifsary General at the Presiden[y] was attended with so much grievous delay, and uncertainty, opening a new, and additional Channel of Appeal to the Parties against whom the Retrenchments fell, and creating insuperable obstacles to the retrieving of over-payments ; that I was on this occasion, reduced to the necefsity of protesting against being responsible for Retrenchments made against Me under these circumstances- My Letter to the auditor General containing my protest was dated the , 1784—

Instances are upon Record in your Office, from which it will appear that Deputy Paymasters who were not Servants of the Company have been in the Receipt of Commifsion, and in a recent Case a Servant upon the Madrafs Establishment has been allowed it.

I humbly solicit to be understood as mentioning the foregoing circumstances with no other view, than to deduce in proof- that the tie binding the Five established and fix'd Paymasters, was loosened in proportion to the degree of alienation which took place, of those Emoluments originally confined to Five ; and the explicit Terms upon which Responsibility was annexed.—

In order to remove any imputation of unwillingnefs, or incapacity to share the Danger, or inconvenience, attendant on these Detatchments ; and in further justification of those Pleas which I am now urging, and anxiously hope the Hon'ble Board will vouchsafe to admit in mitigation of that part of the Clause, which binds Paymasters and their Securities to un-reserved Responsibility ; I beg leave to note ; that subsequent to my appointment it appearing that I should be subjected to suffer considerably by the alienation of Commifsion, and an occasion offering for detaching into the Carnatic a part of the Brigade I stood appointed to, I applied personally to be permitted to do the Duty of Paymaster with it, and leave the payment of the remainder of the Brigade to my Deputy ; soliciting and humbly afserting my Right to the Choice of serving with the Detachment ; to this precedence I conceived Myself particularly entitl'd, especially as the chief part of the Bengal troops serving in the Carnatic were form'd from the Brigade to which I was attach'd— but upon the eve of the intended March of this Detachment, I had the Mortification to see in General Orders a young Lieutenant in the Army and deputy Paymaster to the 3[d] Brigade prefer'd to this station.-

When the Paymasters and Officers to whom many of the Retrenchment Claims have been transmitted to recover, shall have forwarded to Me their accounts, a final adjustment shall take place, in the interim, I shall hope to receive Credit from you, upon such Sums as have been retrenched from my Disbursements, and since admitted upon re-audit

I have honor to be Sir

Your very Obedt hble f[t]

Dinagepore the 4th October 1786-

[No. 56] To

Lieu^T John Ainslie

of the 29th Battalion of Sepoys -

Sir,

It is with peculiar Satisfaction that I now have the Honor to transmit to you, extract of the Board of Revenue's Letter to me, conveying the Sentiments exprefsed by the Honble the Governor General and Council, of your spirited Behaviour on the 8th of August last. -

I have the Pleasure to remain,
Your very obed^t & oblig'd
hble Servant.

(Enclosed in the above)

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue to the Coll^r of Dinagepur - dated Calcutta the 21st September 1786--

"It gives us satisfaction to be able to inform You, that we submitted Your Letter of the 11th Ult^o to the Consideration of the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council, and that they are pleased to observe, that they" "approve of the gallant Behaviour of Lieu^t Ainslie," "which Approbation we desire you will communicate to that Officer"

(Signed)- John Stables
W^m Cowper
Thos Graham
John Mackenzie
John Evelyn

A true extract

(Signed) G. Purling
Afs^t

[No. 57] To Janathan Duncan Esq^R - -

Dinagepore 6th Oct^r 1786—

Preparer of Reports to the Revenue
Department -

Sir,

I have now the pleasure to enclose a Rauzee nama (Copy) attested by the Canongoe and Caazee - and deliver'd in by Joy Ram Dofs upon the Complaint transmitted to me under cover of your Letter of the 17th July last 1786 -

Joyram Dofs Mohunt has declar'd in my Presence that his Complaint against Neelloo Buxey and Nazera Mirda, is fully satisfied -

I am Sir
Your very Obed^t hble serv^t

[No. 58] To Charles Grant Esq[r] - - - Dinagepore 10[th] Oct[r] 1786

Resident

at Malda -

Sir

I have been honor'd with both your Letters of the 28[th] Ult[o] and thank you for the Bengal Translate of the late Regulations for the Weavers. -

Publication shall be immediately made of such parts of them as may be requisite for the several Naibs and other managers of the Revenues to be informed with. -

With respect to the encroachment, of the French Agents, I think it would be advisable to make a speedy application to the Board a delay may, and must, (indeed) inevitably be attended with very serious consequences to the Hon"ble Company's Investment, - I lament that the tenor of the Board's Directions accompanying the French Convention, limits all interference on my part: they having directed Me under pain of their Censure not to deviate from carrying the purposes of it, into "liberal execution," - Extract of the Convention I have the pleasure to enclose,- and I think it clearly defines the Jurisdiction the French are at present entitled to exercise, -

I also wish of you to cause directions to be given, to the Agents in the Awrungs under your Factory, to desist from deputing of Peons in the accoutrement of Sepoys, into the Villages in the vicinity of the Several Coôtees where Gomastahs are Station'd, - This practice is attended with many inconveniences, and is almost always the origin of disputes between the Weavers their Dependants, and the Officers of the Revenue, - the former finding an opposition to the claims of the Collector, - advantageous, and effectual under such support; it would therefore be adviseable to prohibit this sort of Protection as it can only be productive of pleas for remifsions, troublesome investigations. - and most probably, ultimately terminate in a lofs to Government, of Part of the Rents,-

I am Sir,

Your very Obed[t] h"ble Serv[t]

[No. 59] John Stables Esq[r] - - Dinagepore 12[th] Oct[r] 1786-

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue -

Fort William -

Gentlemen,

I have been honor'd with your Letter of the 21[st] Ult[o] -

At my request the Collector of Purnea some time since forwarded to Me the Provincial Map of Purnea Dinagepore and Rungpore Districts, in Order that I might trace the Situation of Mudgenoo - at the time he enter'd this District, - this Map formerly was in the pofsession of the Provincial Council. and taken by them to Purnea, upon their removal to that Station, -

The necefsity for every Collector being furnished with an accurate Map, of the Division He superintends, induces Me to request, that the Map at present in my Pofsession, may remain for the use of the Collectors, of Purnea, Rungpore, and Dinagepore ; -

I am Gentlemen,
Your very Obed[t] h"ble Serv[t]

[No. 60] To John Stables Esq[r] - - - Dinagepore 12[th] Oct[r] 1786-

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue -

Fort William -

Gentlemen,

Be pleased to honor me with Credit on account of the Collections of this Division for the amount of the accompanying Draft

I am Gentlemen, &c[a]

A Draft drawn by M[r] John Fendall upon the Board of Revenue for Sicca Rupees 1,56,606,, - 15,, - dated 7[th] Oct[r] 1786 - enclosed in the above Letter -

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[No. 61] M[r] John Christie . . . . Dinagepore 14[th] Oct[r] 1786 -

residing

at Appole

Sir

I forward to you a Petition from the Riauts in your Farm - and request of you to adopt the earliest measures to afford them redrefs, -

Their complaint appears to be made against your Agent - and I make no doubt but that your interposition, will effectually remove the Grievances they complain of -

I am Sir
Your very Obed[t] hble Serv[t]

[No. 62] To JOHN STABLES ESQ[R] - Dinagepore 16[th] Oct[r] 1786 -

President of the Board of Revenue -

FORT WILLIAM

Sir,

My own private Affairs requiring my attendance at the Presidency - I have to request Your Permifsion to proceed there - -

I have the Honor to be &c[a]

[No. 63] To CHARLES GRANT ESQ[R] Dinagepore 17" Oct[r] 1786 -

Resident at

MALDA -

SIR,

I am favored with Your Letter of the 6[th] Ins[t] accompanying a representation from the Gomasta at Mauldaar -

The Peons were sent into Turruff Rufseêa in Pergunna Saalbarry, upon a representation from the Resident at Rungpore, grounded I suppose, upon the Information received from his Gomasta, that the Weavers inhabitants of that Village had wilfully with-held their Labours- and in consequence I sent a Dustuck to direct their Attendance at Dinagepore - It afterwards appearing that the representation originated from a Competition between the Gomasta under Your Factory and that of the Resident at Rungpore. - I directed the Peons to return -

The Information forwarded by the Mohrir of the Village to the Gomasta at Malduar, is defective, for I never do send Sepoys upon Occasions when a common Dustuck is required, - and the Precept was directed to the Farmer of Turruff Rufseêa -

It will be very necefsary that the Gomastahs employed in the different Aurungs under Your Factory should deliver into the Cutcherry's of the several Pergunnahs in which the Weavers employed upon the Honble Company's Investment reside, a List of their Names & Abode, in order that a correct Account of the Rents payable by such Weavers, may be form'd, and the Amount ascertain'd - I have sent a Publication to the Naibs of the Pergunnahs of Meehanagur, Kurda, Saalbarry, Sougenagur, & Santose, to deliver an account to the Agents You may please to direct to deposit the register of the Weavers, as soon after the receipt, as pofsible & to strictly obey the late regulations particulars of which they have been furnished with. -

I am

Sir &c[a]

Dinagepore the 25th Octr 1786-

[No. 64] To Joseph Champion EsqR

Collector

Silberris

Sir

I have receiv'd from the Commanding Officer at this Station St rs 830 - for the Purpose of paying the Detachment with You - and shall give Your District Credit for the Amount - in Account Current -

I am fir, &ca

26th October 1786-

[No. 65] To Charles Grant EsqR-

Resident

at

Malda

Sir,

I am favor'd with Your Letter of the 20th Inst- together with the Enclosures-

Mr Udney's Accot of the Dispute at Haut - Tarrapore clearly evinces, what I at first surmis'd ; and I shall immediately remove the Drogha. The Conduct of the Person I shall depute, will I hope, be more consistent with, and better calculated to promote the Exercise of reciprocal good Offices between the revenue & Commercial Agents, stationed in those Parts-

It will be equally my Study, as it is my Duty to administer to the relief of, and restrain all violent Conduct - and ill-behaviour in the Officers of the Reve—to convince them that their Duty is intimately connected with that of the Commercial Agents, and that both ought to unite in forwarding the general Interest of their Employers-

On my part I shall endeavour to enforce Conviction, by making an Example of the refractory ; and afsur'd of Your joining ifsue in the perfecting of so salutary an Object, the Directions You will give to Your Agents employed in the Aurungs, to conciliate by an even Conduct any favorable Intention shewn by the Revenue Officers, of affording in all Exigencies a reciprocal Afsistance, will establish a System upon wch the public Interest may be prosecuted with Ease, and Advantage, in future-

The mention made in my Letter of the 10[t] of Peons habited as Sepoys, occurr'd from one of them- having accompanied my Peons, on their return from the Muffasil, and producing to me a Bengal Translate of the late Regulations for Weavers, as having been directed so to do by the Commercial Gomasta at-Jaggernautpore,- He had been, (according to his own Account) station'd in the Village where the Weavers reside to protect them ; and I did not notify the Circumstance by particular detail, deeming it, needlefs to say mere in proof of the Fact existing, of these Sepoys being employed unknown to You, on Duty, of on Extra-Official Nature-

I have the Honor to be-

Sir

Your very Obed[t] hble ferv[t]

[No. 66] To John Stables Esq[re]

President &ca Members of the Board of

Revenue———

Gentlemen

After repeated and daily applications to Jonkeram Sing by the usual methods pursued upon these occasions, for the payment of the Kists of Afsin he has shut himself up in his Zenana, and is bar'd from all accefs- the ultimate act of coercion by Confinement in my Cutcherry he has by this means precluded, and by abandoning of his Amla (Officers) tacitly avows his dis-inclination to prosecute the completion of his Engagements ;—

In this Predicament I have taken all necefsary precaution in my Power for the security of the ensuing Rents- the investigation into the cause of the present deficiency, and the regular discharge of the Ballance appearing now un-collected- by deputing with all expedition into every part of the District a responsible Person, with one Mohrir, to take an Account from the Collectors employed by Jonkeeram Sing - of what sum have been collected - under whatever denomination—what has been sent up to the Cutcherry at Danigepore from the date of the Poonea and to keep a comparative account of the Collections in future- By this Step I shall be prepared to take the management of the Minutes of the businefs of the Collections into my Hands, a measure which at present appears to be unavoidable.

The present unprecedented behaviour of the Manager proceeds from Causes, which I have suspected as influencing his Conduct from the period of his objecting to hold the Poonea at the usual season- The principal - that he has anticipated a part of the present years Revenues lost his Moshairra - which he hopes to retrieve by a futile attempt to prove, by with-holding

paym^t of the Kist, that his Lands are uneq-ual to pay the present Years Jumma - that a European superintendant diminishes his influence - is a check upon his actions, and prevents him from returning to the illegal 'refsources, which, with other causes had contributed to create a considerable desertion of the Riauts last Year.- I venture to pronounce and in part prove from the statements annex'd, a long series of dis-honest and very ill-management- has been the cause of reducing the Manager to his present situation. first promising- That Jonkeeram Sing signs his Engagements, at all Events, to preserve the management in his possefsion, by which act the entire participation of the Benefits arising are secured to Him, and Sadanund Sircar the person Acting in the Character of Vakeel at the Presidency.- since the Year 1191. the Jumma, or more properly speaking, that part of the produce of the Lands appropriated for the payment of the claim from Government has been decreasing- from the following primary Causes- 1^st part of the lands made Kharridge, or alienated under the Head of Bazee Talooks - or lands of no publick note - 2^dly a gradual privation from the remaining Jumma ; and lastly Haats and Markets established in every part of the District, under the denomination of Birt Birtee & Devutter or Charity- to the destruction of those Markets which a few Years since were rated in the Jumma bundee Accounts at a more considerable value than they stand at, now.- The management of these alienated articles- the Collection- and the expenditure- are placed under separate and distinct Officers, the businefs transacted privately and secreted from the inspection of any other person but Jonkeeram Sing, and those he may chuse to appoint- These alienations from the grofs Receipts of the District are never suffer'd to be broken in upon, or liable to be appropriated to make up any deficiency of the monthly Kists- and according to the will, of the Manager may be considerably increased- by this Practice an enormous Profit is reaped at the expence of the publick Interest, and in all Cases- whether from desertion of the Riauts, from opprefsions, such as must naturally have accrued, from the criminal Jurisdiction (which is held by Sunnud in the name of the Raja) having been farmed out for these two last Years,- or from the Dispensations of Providence, no part of the deficiency incurr'd by such Calamities, are made good, from the sequestered Funds of the District.- The whole of the Lofs is chargeable upon the produce of the Lands appropriated for the payment of the publick demund, and the /Jumma bundee/ or account held up as containing the afsets and refsources of the Revenue, prepared ; so as to exhibit the exact Rent claim'd by the Government, or lefs, as it may chance to suit the Views, or Interest of the Framers of it- as a proof- I have now in my pofsession- two distinct Accounts, both authenticated by the sheristadar of the Aumeena Dufter and deliver'd into Me within two Months of each other, stating the Jumma or amount of the settlement of last Year widely different.

Foreseeing that the Kist of Afsin would fall in Arrears, I demanded a Jumma wafsil Bakee Acct^s or Account of the Receipts of Revenue from the Moffusil- the Payments made to my treasury- and the Ballance.- This Account which forms the enclosure N° 1 exhibits a Ballance of Cash of S^a R^s 85,261-12-10-0 which has been with-held, and no account to be obtained of the disposal of it-

In the course of my researches it appears that prior to my arrival here the first two Kists of the Year were applied to the discharge of the Tuncaws granted upon the Raja account of last Years Ballance to Majors Buchanan & Dunn- The former was liquidated by a Hundee upon Muxadavad deliver'd to Major Buchanan by Jonkeeram Sing, and the latter was not paid in full till some time after my arrival. The Gomasta of Juggut Seat who remitted the Revenues of the District last Year claims a Ballance upon an adjusted Account of upwards of one Lac of Rupees, and it was with difficulty, even when I step'd in to secure the shroff this Year that they could be prevailed upon to have any further dealings with Him. From these facts may be deduced one certain conclusion- that the anticipation of the monthly instalments commenced with the first Payments, and that after payment of the heavier Kist in the Year, the next would fall short. -

The Board will please to observe that there is no danger to be apprehended for the eventual Security of the Revenue The enclosure N° 2, carries upon the Face of it strong & incontestible proof, that the Person engaged to Governm[t] for the Revenues of this Year, is poſsesse'd of enormous Wealth. that Account states the abstract of his Collections from the District last Year as drawn from documents of his own delivering and made up from those resources only, which he held out for the discharge of the Governments claim - The Profits from the alienated Jumma are also brought forward from the Accounts attested by the signature of the several Officers who were in the Management - The Payments of that Year may be compared with the Records in the Accompt[t] Gen[ls] Office - and the nett Profit which remained at the disposal of Jonkiram Sing is very fairly stated - for I have not brought forward for want of proper Documents the Receipts made by the Conghee Sheristadar, who has hitherto evaded my researches. - in this last Sherista or Office - all the illegal exactions from the District were deposited - such as those arising from the Farm of the Office of Phousdarry - Fines levied upon the Riauts, by the means of informers, employed and paid for the purpose of inspecting into the domestick disputes, and disagreements, happening in each Village, and originating in proportion to the extent of their own seditious dispositions, and on heavy Mhâtoot or Tax for the repairs of Pools.-

The Sum collected this Year under the Head of Burt birtee Debooter - Bazee Talooks - and Izarra Aauder Talook is exhibited in the Account N° 3 and form'd from the accounts deliver'd by Sydoo Mozundar, and Eelboo Buxey, the Aumeens of those sheristahs - The labour of compelling these Officers to produce their accounts can be much easier conceived, than described. - It has been the Work of strict confinement repeated Threats for several succeſsive Days, and the immediate object of my own attention for these many Days, & nights past. - The particulars of the appropriate of the Ballance of Cash - as set forth in N° 4 as yet I cannot aſcertain - They all persist that the Money has been regularly taken from their Hands by Jonkiram Sing, or Callichurn in his Name - a particular account of the Receipt, and expenditure or Jumma Crutch Account from each of these Aumeens, I am now in search of and make no doubt after some further perseverance to be able to extort from Them ; I have taken Mochulkass and

Securities for the personal appearance of all these Officers – as also for all Those who are in the Moffusil employed in the Collections. –

Some time subsequent to Jonkeram Sing's signing his Engagements–he represented that the afsets arising from the Lands would be inadequate to the full discharge of the Jumma, but that he would by some means or other make good his Engagements. – upon this ominous declaration I immediately prefs'd from him an account of what these afsets were composed; and remarked to him, the absurdity of having engaged with Government for what he profefs'd not to have the means of complying with. – It is evident that he has all along entertained hopes of getting the Moshairra re-established,– from his having practiced every means he could devise to prevail with Me to let the Kist of Bhadun fall in ballance – alway[.] imagining it would give a colour to his claim and become a plea to ground his petition upon to your Board. Sadanund Sircar the Vakeel is deputed to the Presidency specially commifsion'd for this purpose – indeed from the appearance Jonkiram Sing's conduct wears, I much doubt, if it is not swayed by the Council, and advise of this Vakeel, who it is notorious, is, in the enjoyment of a joint participation of the Profits arising from the management of the Collections of this District. –

The Raja is a Child of nine Years of Age, and the Rannee the Wife of the late Raja Bidinaut immur'd in a Zenana; If an early stop shall not be put to this scandalous waste of property, which in Fact ought only to be held in trust by Jonkeeram Sing for the infant Raja – some Years hence when he shall arrive at the Age of Maturity, and qualified to take the management of his own affairs – He will find his Estate wasted and not an Item left whereby to trace the Ruin. –

There can be no stronger evidence of my surmises being well-founded, than the difficulty the Canongoes have experienced in establishing of their Office, and the palpable and most glaring falsity every account they give Me is charged with - I have sent for the original account of the Zemindarry Establishment to compare with that they have lately deliver'd - and the Officer whose province it was to produce the Record, has replied that it has been long since burnt, with many other Papers.-

If the Board will authorize Me to take the entire management of the Collections into my own Hands, I will pledge Myself to realize the amount of the settlement in the course of the present year and allowing for the Time requisite to get full pofsession of the Muffosil accounts, pay up according to the Kistbundee or with very little deviation from it - but this can only be effected by holding Jonkeeram Sing in confinement until that I shall have obtained the Muffosil Accounts from his Omla, and for whose personal security he is at present responsible - that I may avoid being reduced to the alternative of fighting against the chicanery and Knavish stratagems he with his Officers would most afsuredly put in practice were he set at Liberty to thwart and render abortive the very best endeavours I should put forth - to secure the Rents of Government - the Peace of the District, and ultimately my own Fame - In expectation of your immediate directions I hold Myself in readinefs to proceed with all dispatch into the Muffosil

Copies together with translate of the Dustuck to the Persons deputed intò the Muffosil copy of which I have sent to the revenue Omla or Officers now stationed in the District on the part of Jonkeram Sing I Enclose -

I have the honor to be

Danigepore

Gentlemen

the 30th October

Your very Obedt hble 'ft

1786 -

No. 67] To Charles Grant Esqre
Resident
,at Malda

Sir

In consequence of your Letter of the 18th Instt I have enquired into the truth of the Weavers representation against the Farmer of Santose - it appears from the Potta given to the Weavers that they were to hold the Lands only for the space of one Year - upon a fixed Rent and at the expiration; to take the Lands for a further period at the additional rate according to the state of Cultivation. as is usual I find throughout the District - The Lands were waste when the Weavers first rented Them - and rated accordingly, it appears also that they were well apprized that an additional Rent would be demanded from Them - and in the first instance the option of taking the Land upon those specific conditions, was fairly open to Them - With respect to the encouragement held out at the commencement of the year 1192 - to continue cultivating - it is clear that the Farmer entertained hopes of receiving the increase at the Time the Crop should be upon the Ground - and it is one of the many evil practices committed from the unsettled, and indefinite Mode of ufsing the Lands and which seems to have prevailed all thro' the District, and in every department of the Revenue

[. . . .] deavoured in vain to fix the Jumma for the Weavers upon an equitable afsessment and would have engaged that no more than what the Patta specified should have been demanded from them.- The only means therefore of settling this contest is by directing the farmer to receive his Rents for last Year and the present at the Rate particularized in the Potta, and at the expiration of this year for the Weavers to relinquish the Lands - Agreements to this Effect have been signed by both parties; I have deputed an Officer into the Pergunna of Suntose and the adjacent Pergunnah to superintend the Collections - and have enjoined him to pay attention to all references which may be made to him relative to the Weavers from any of the Commercial Agents -

I am Sir

Danigepore

Your very obedt Hble s

the 31st Octr 1786 -

[No. 68] To

M^r John Elliot

Act^g Collector

at Shilberris

Sir

I yesterday received your Letter of the 28^th and this day one from L^t Brenan in consequence I have requested the Officer/ commanding here to detach a Jemautdar and thirty Men, to Buxy Gunge there to await L^t Brenans's Orders - a larger party could not be sent as the Officers & Sepoys in general here are sick and in a convalescent state - after the Duty for which the present Party are detatched - shall have been performed You will please to cause directions to be given for their return to Danigepore -*

Danigepore | I am Sir

the 31^st Oct^r 1786 | Your very obedt hble st

* I should imagine that the Force stationed at Rungpore might be brought to co-operate with the Party at Buggoora -

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[No. 69] To

DINAGEPORE 31^st Oct^r 1786

LIEUT : BRENAN

SIR,

In consequence of Y^r Letter of the 30^th a Jemautdar & 30 Sepoys proceed this Evening for Buxy Gunge- and have sent Information to the acting Collector of Silberris-

I am Sir &c^a

[No. 70] To M^R JOHN ELLIOT

Act^g Coll^r Shilberris

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 29^th Ult^o and wrote you yesterday - be pleased to observe that the Detachment at Buxy Gunge is waiting for your Orders - that the number of Sepoys sick at this station, will not admit of any re-inforcement being sent- of course you must be watchful and send succour if it should appear expedient,- a Party consisting of 20 Sepoys might be detached from Buggoora to any Place, between that and Buxigunge, by which means a sufficient Force might be brought together upon emergency -

Your publick Letter to Major Dunn I return, the information contained in that to Me being fully sufficient - It is the Duty of the Officer stationed at Buggoora, to provide the means to carry into execution such Service as the Collector may deem requisite to be performed.

I am Sir

DANIGEPORE
the 2d Novr 1786 - Your obedt hble fr

P. S. be pleased to order the Jemmadars party to return into Camp at Dinagepore, as foon as the necefsity for their remaining detached shall no longer exist—

No. 71] To JOHN STABLES ESQR - 3d November 1786-

Presidt &ca Members of the Bd of Reve

Fort William-

Gentlemen,

It is with much regret that I am oblig'd to transmit my Tawjee Account for the month of Afsin exhibiting the whole of that month's Kist as Ballance- The Cause I have laid before Your Board at large, in my Letter of the 30th Ulto - and am exerting my utmost Endeavours, to realize the deficiency.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen - &ca

Dinagepore 4th November 1786.

No. 72] To

CHARLES GRANT ESQR
Resident
at
MALDA

Sir,

I wrote to You the 31st Ulto that the Weavers who had attended for the adjustment of their Complaint against the Farmer of Pergunna Suntose- had signed an Agreement that they should pay their Rents according to the original Potta, for the last and the present Year- and at the expiration of this Year to relinquish the Lands- I was led to conclude that no further Obstacles would have accrued, to prevent this adjustment from taking Place- but I since find that after the agreements had been drawn between the Parties, and- agreed upon to be signed in presence of the Canongoes, as the next morning the Weavers in the Night, elop'd -

The Farmer's Vakeel despairs of receiving his Rents – and the Weavers on the fure Side of the Question- being in Pofsefsion of upwards of 500 Bighas of Land, which by the Tenor of the Patta was leased to them at a certain rate for one Year only - and according to the established Custom of the District liable to be ufsed according to the State of the Cultivation of it, at the Expiration of the Lease ; and that Afsefsment final, and to become the Jumma fixed for the future – The rate of the Afsefsment in the Suntose Pergunna upon waste Lands leased to Cultivators is by no means arbitrary and what all the Riauts/ cultivators of waste Land/ pay, so that in Justice the Weavers cannot be exempted –

The only method I have now left of adjusting, this Contest, is by sequestering of the Crop upon the Land until the Weavers shall either comply with the Terms I prescribed, and which they willingly agreed to, in my presence, and before many Witnefses – or make a Settlement with the Farmer for the rent to be paid in future, - to which I will affix my Signature as a Security to the Weavers against any further Claims being made by the Collector of that Pergunna -

I shall be obliged to You, if you will cause this Notice to be given to them, in order that they may fix upon either alternative, and thereby avoid the Consequences which must ensue, if they persist in holding the Lands upon Terms - not only contrary to custom - but tending to set a precedent to the other Riauts, which in the End must terminate to a diminution of the Revenue -

I am

Sir &c^{a} -

Dinagepore the 6th Nov^{r} 1786

[No. 73] To

Charles Grant Esq^{re}

Sir

Sâatcowry Deloll of Islampore in Pergunna Suntose has lately erected a Market contiguous to that of Teer gang - The Farmer of that Village has petitioned against it, as being destructive of one of the refsources from which he pays his Rents.

In consequence of the investigation into the complaint, I have deemed it necefsary to direct the new erected Market to be abolished - and as the Deloll is a dependant upon the Factory at Saamgunge it is more than probable he will attempt to influence the Agent There, in his behalf - I therefore suggest to you the propriety of causing intimation to be given to prevent any support, being afforded, which may tend to oppose the carrying of my Orders into execution.

I am Sir

Your very Obedt hble fr

Dinagepore the 10th November 1786.

No. 74] To

CHARLES GRANT ESQR

Resident at

MALDA,

SIR,

Kenkar Sircar a Picar in the Employ of the Cootee at Nachinpore has seized upon Bowanny Sircar the Aumeen sent to adjust the Rents due from the inhabitants of the Village of Mungulpore in Pergunna Shusbeer-I suppose at the instigation of the Weavers inhabitants of that Village- whereas had their Complaint been regularly made to me, or to the Naib of the Pergunna the redrefs it might have required would certainly have been afforded.-

The trouble this Species of Interference creates makes me very desirous of your interposing Your immediate Authority, to restrain & prevent, any of the Native Agents from usurping an Authority so very foreign to the Intentions of the late Regulations - and which I am sure, You will perceive the necefsity of checking in its rise-

I have summoned the Picar together with the Aumeen and shall endeavour to instruct the former, that at so short a Distance from Dinagepore he would have met with immediate and ready attention to any real Grievance he might have preferred, without proceeding to the Violence, of seizing upon the Servants of the Zemindar.-

Copy of the Petition I do myself the Pleasure to enclose.-

I am Sir,

Your very obedt hble fervt

DENAGEPORE the 14th Novr 1786 -

No. 75] THOMAS GRAHAM ESQR

Acting Comptroller of Grain

SIR,

I have received Your Letter of the 9th and enclose to You Copy of Colonel Harpers's Letter for Your information- The Gomasta as yet is not arrived, so that I cannot ascertain what expences have been incurred since the End of September 1785- You will perceive by the Colonel's Letter that no Cash has been received for any deliveries made by the Gomasta- The Directions I left with the Gomasta when I quitted Allahabad were unequivocal- I forwarded Copy of them to Colonel Harper, and left the Power of obliging my Gomasta to obey his Orders- so explict, and clear, that I really am at a Lofs, to find out any just reason for this Concern not having been long since settled.-

In the Accounts already forwarded to You- I have avoided inserting any Charge, of the many I was put to, in going backward and forward from Cawnpore to Lucknow and to Allahabad, nor have I drawn for Commifsion, or any equivalent of any sort- to compensate for the Trouble I have had with this Concern-hoping that at the final Adjustment a proper Consideration will be made me.-

I remain,

Sir &c^{a}

[No. 76] To Charles Grant Esq^{re}

Resident at Malda

Danigepore the 14th Nov^{r} 1786

Sir

Since I had the honor of writing to you under date the 10th Inst^{t} the Aumeen has been released by Kinker Picar but this Person having refused to attend, and account for his conduct- I have sent a fresh summons- The Aumeen it would appear from his relation has been seized by the Picar, with a view of obtaining the account of the Lands cultivated by the Weavers in the Village of Munglepore- It cannot I presume be the intention of the Government by their late Regulations, that this act of coercion, should be vested in any other person, than the Collector, or such as he may delegate, upon remonstrance being regularly made, that the under Officers of the Revenue refuse a compliance with the 3^{d} Article of the late Regulations- indeed all hope of regulating the collections, must be precluded if this conduct should pafs unnoticed,- and however irregular my apprehending of this Picar for his former improper conduct, and recent denial of my authority may appear- I deem the necefsity of an immediate interference of such moment as not to be dispensed with-

It is now become more my Duty, if pofsible than ever, to prevent any undue interference to the staying of the Revenue, or molestation of the Officers employed in the Collections; as from the late failure in the Kists, I am impell'd, to take a more active part in the superintendance of the Minuti of Them.-

It would seem that the Gomasta at the Nacintpore Cootee had miscomprehended your orders relative to the carrying of the late regulations into execution- otherwise the Picar or Mohrer in question, could not have been deputed to any other place to afsertain the Rents due from the Weavers, but to the Cutcherry of the Pergunna to which the Rents are paid, and which is held at Danigepore.

Danigepore

the 14th Nov^{r}

1786-

I am Sir

Your very obedt hble fr

Dinagepore the 16[t] Nov[r] 1786 -

No. 77] To John Stables Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the B[d] of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with Your Commands of the 6[t] Instant -

The Perwanna to Jankiram Sing I delivered to him in my presence, and he has declared his inability to pay the Ballance. -

There being no person of the Raja's Relations to whom the Charge of the Collections of this District can be confided ; I have made them Khaâſs and to secure my management from being interrupted in the Commencement of it - as also to guard against the malversation which this sudden Charge might give rise to, with the Omla at present stationed in the Muffosil, I have thought it expedient to hold Jonkiram Sing under Restraint in the place where he generally resides, a measure the more indispensable, since that it appears, all the Naibs, Mustophees, Mohrers, Farmers and others appointed to conduct the Muffosil Collections are all, (without an exception,) of his Nomination - and they and their Securities in general his immediate dependants.

While the principal who placed them in the Muffosil continues within my reach, the fear of his being made responsible for their mis-behaviour will influence them, at least at present to confine their Conduct within the Limit of their Duty. - - The Chief part of the Receipts of the Year's revenues are now commenced - and much might be apprehended, if any Change of the under Officers and those immediately connected with the Management of the Muffosil Collections was at this Crisis to take place. -

The Seal of the Zemindary it has been ever usual to affix to all Precepts and Documents iſsued in the Proceſs of the Collections, to preserve this practice, as well as to guard it from abuse, I have deemed it neceſsary to keep the Seal at the Cutcherry under the joint Charge of me, and one of the old established Servants of the Zemindarry. -

The Raja has attended Me, and I have carefully instructed Him with the purport of the Perwanna, I have informed both him, and the Rannee that I shall studiously attend to the welfare of the Zemindarry and to the Support of their Maintenance, and Dignity. -

I think, I can with Confidence aſsert, that the whole of the Revenue engaged for from this District will be paid up by the close of the Year - at least a vigilant, prudent, and faithful Superintendance on my part to accomplish it, shall be unremitted -

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen &c[a]

Dinagepore the 17th November 1786 -

[No. 78] To

M^R JOHN ELLIOT -

Acting Collector at

SILBERRIS -

SIR,

I request, upon receipt of this, that You will make requisition to L^t A. Brenan the Officer Commanding the Sepoys at Your Station - to cause the Detachment sent from this the 31st of October to return forthwith to their Station at Dinagepore - I before, remarked to You the necefsity of this measure - and with a View to inform You, with the Consequences attendant on detaining a Detachment. - I enclose extract of the Committee of Revenue's Orders upon this Subject. -

I am, Sir &c^a

EXTRACT of the Committee of Revenue's Letter dated the 14th February 1785.

"This serves to direct that on all Occasions when Detachments of Troops may be sent into Your District for any required Services, the same may be return'd to their proper Stations so soon as such Services shall have been performed" -

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Danigepore the 18th Nov^r 1786.

[No. 79] To Charles Grant Esq^re

Resident

At Malda

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of the 11th

The sentiments you therein exprefs convey a pleasing presage, that our separate Duties will be conducted with ease, unanimity, and Effect.

I request that in any cases, which may occur, where the attendance of the Officers employed in the Collections, may be, by you deemed necefsary, that you will be pleased to call upon Them, on such occasions, under your own signature ; and further beg to afsure You, - that it shall be my province to enjoin Them, to obey your requisitions.

In Order to afcertain to the Weavers, the annual Rent, they shall have to pay to the Government, for the Lands they may be pofsessed of - It appears to Me advisable that you direct your Agents stationed at the several Aurungs, to forward to You a Conshumarree Furd, or List of all the Weavers, employed by officers upon the Investment - specifying their Names - the Village they reside in - and the Pergunna to which the Village appertains - subject of course to such innovation as incidental occurrences

may from Time to Time render suitable; and if this Mode should meet yr Concurrce, I will draw out from this accot a Rent-roll for each Weaver, and effect with more ease and accuracy the End in view, then if this businefs were to be confided to the Management of the Naibs in the Pergunnahs and Mohrers whom you should otherwise depute. -

I have it in contemplation to make the Circuit of the District; and the regulating of the Weavers Rents, and Lands, upon a permanent system, will very particularly attract my attention; where, from circumstances intervening I may not be able to give a local superintendance, I shall depute a prudent Person, to act according to certain & fixed Rules laid down to Him, by this means I hope to form between the Government and the immediate Cultivator such a Chain of Connection, that the latter will know exactly what He has to pay, the Revenue be fixed, - and no further opening left for the exercise of that Chicanery, and Intrigue, which for some Years last past, evidently has pervaded every Department, of the Collections in this Zemindarry -

I am Sir

Your very Obedt hble sr

Danigepore the 20th Novr 1786

[**No. 80**] To JOHN STABLES ESQRE

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen

The long & entire suspension of the Canongoes' Office in this District renders it necefsary to vest the Canongoe with full power to enable Him to receive the Functions of it - and I have directed the Naib, to depute proper afsistants into each Pergunna, as the only means of restoring this very necefsary Office of Record, so as to become in a course of Time, fully competent to afford authentic information upon any point hereafter to be required. -

I have to lament at this Crisis the want of such Records to appeal to, as might enable Me to compare the variety of Accounts appertaining to, and intimately connected with the superintendence of the District, without being subjected to the delay which an investigation will create, in detecting of the fallacy, or establishing the authenticity of Them; and as the Mehals in general are Pergunnauttee Tufseel Khaâfs, managed by officers deputed from the Sudder, it is the more necefsary to keep a comparative Account with the managers of all their Transactions.

Instances occurred last Year, where the Officers in some of the most considerable Pergunnahs were no sooner placed in Office, than another who engages to collect more revenue was deputed to dispofsefs him; in fact, the Collection (of last Year especially) from the chief Officer at the Sudder, to the lowest renter in the Muffosil was realized upon a System which of late Years

has obtained in this Zemindarry. - Succefsive Auction - The consequences of this Practice are exemplified, in the waste Ground occasioned by the Flight of those Riauts, who could no longer support the Weight of repeated Opprefsion.

With respect to the boundary of each Pergunna, it appears from the Enquiries I have occasionally made, that in some, a portion of the most profitable Lands have been made Khurridge at an inferior rate of Jumma, and formed into a separate Huzzooree Collection - under one particular Denomination - at present the re-annexing of such Portions, must be postponed, until I shall have ascertained at what rate the Jumma stood prior to their Alienation. -

In addition to this summary State of the existing Causes, for adapting of the measure I recommend, I beg to refer the Board for the means, the most effectual, to carry this salutary Object into Execution, to my Letter under Date the 16th July last. -

Copy of the Perwanna delivered to the Naib Canongoe together with Translate, I have the Honor to enclose, and am,

Gentlement [*sic*]
Your very Obedient
humble fervant

[No. 81]

To John Stables Esqr
President &ca Members of the Board
of Revenue –
Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 13th Inst enclosing Petition from the Rajah of Denagepore.

To that part of it where the Zemindar afserts that on the 17th of Cartic I removed the Zemindarry Cutcherry and rendered the Collections Khaafs, I have to reply, that after having for several days in vain applied for an answer to Jonkeram Sing for the Kist of Afsin, and his ultimately declining to receive any more mefsuages [*sic*] from me upon the subject, I thought it high time to call upon the Officers of the Collections to know what was become of the Kist, and they attended me accordingly to prepare the Accounts which I enclosed in my Letter to your Board of the 30th ulto

The Charge of having rendered the Collections Khaas is not founded on fact, the Sezawaals alluded to in the Petition, are I imagine those Persons I informed the Board I had deputed into the Muffosil, and the Dustuck accompanying the foregoing mentioned Letter will evince they were invested with no Sezawaally powers ; so far from it- that they were strictly prohibited from interfering in any shape with the Collections and each received one months salary previous to his departure from the Sudder, - to this hour the Revenue is collected by the Officers appointed by Jonkeram Sing and sent up from the Muffosil under their Chelan

Prior to the period the Cutcherry Omlah attended me, the muffosil Collections had been closed, and the Towjees for the Kist of Cartic not made out or despatched until I had received the Boards Authority to make the Collections Khaafs, - thus far in reply to that part of the Petition, to which the Board have required an explanation of - and I only beg to remark that the Anxiety of Jonkeram Sing to be reinstated in the management, will become daily more and more urgent. as his defalcation of the Revenues, and his embezzlement of the Receipts from the Lands may come to light, - his own Officers made the muffosil Towjees out, and added as usual the Ballance of the former Month, - it now appears that in some of the Pergunnahs the Ballances stated against the Naibs are fallacious, and in proof of this, I beg leave to refer the Board to the enclosed Copy of a Chelan received from the Naib of Sugua Pergunnah, and an account of what part has been paid as Revenue, also of my Summons to Jonkeram Sing in consequence.

I am now employed in ascertaining what part of the Rajahs Household have been paid. - they as well as the mofufsil Tyenaats complain of their having been without subsistence for these many months past - some have arrears of eighteen months due -

It may be worthy of observation that the date of the Letter I had the honour to send on the 30th Ult° and that of the period at which I am charged with removing the Zemindarry viz : the 17th Caurtic exactly corresponds

I am Gentlemen

Danigepore

Your very Obedt hble fr

the 22d Novr 1786 -

Dinagepore the 24th Novr 1786 -

[No. 82] To

Mr John Elliot

Acting Collector

At Shilberris -

Sir,

From the Stile of your Letter under date of the 20th Inst I am led to conclude that it has been penned under the influence of some violent emotion of your Spirits, - unauthorized as I am convinced you will find, by by a reperusal of those Letters, which you are so free of your comments upon. -

I am induced therefore from a very good motive, to give you this opportunity of retracting, and hope your good Sense will point out to you, the propriety of it. -

I am Sir

Your very obt humble Servant-

Dinagepore the 24t Novr 1786-

[No. 83] To

CHARLES GRANT ESQR -

Resident at Malda

SIR

I am favored with Your Letter of the 20t Instant- the material parts of it I conceive replied to in my Addrefs under date the 18t Instant- and I hope in future all inconveniences may be avoided, if the mode I therein submitted to Your Judgement, be adopted in future.

I have further to afsure You that the Steps taken with respect to Kinker Gomasta originated from a cool elaborate investigation, and fair conviction ;- What you observe upon this Occasion in other Cases certainly, would apply - " the expidiency of reprefsing in any Case one irregularity by another " is incongruous - but in whatever Capacity the Person disturbing the good Order, and peace of the District may act - my Duty is to reprefs it ; and I should not have recurr'd to the last alternative had it not appeared that the Riauts in general took the alarm and were preparing to oppose the execution of the Duty the Aumeen was deputed upon.-

I have in some of my former Letters observed that it shall be my Study to support the commercial Authority in all Cases, where my Aid can apply- the rents due from the Weavers certainly are secured by the late Regulations, supposing them to have been previously ascertained, which at present is not the case ; but the dangerous example to the Inhabitants, held up by the exercise of an improper Authority is what ought to be restrained- Bowanny Sircar the person confined clearly proved to me, that the Accot of the Weavers was taken from him whilst under Confinement, as also the Tullub Anna by the Peon, deputed by Kinker to seize him.- I must confefs that I do not wonder at the intricacy with which Truth is involved, in all cases where the natives are implicated in the pursuit of it.- Of this being the case, with men who we would suppose (from their Station) free from Deceit- The denial of the Jaggernautpore Gomasta, of what I afserted in my Letter of the 26th ulto exhibits a strong Proof.- A Gentleman who is nowhere happened to be seated by me at the identical Time, the Sepoy arrived with the Regulations- and your Letter of Instructions to the Gomasta of Jaggernautpore - I remarked that the latter were written upon Bengal Paper, and the initials of Your name affixed the Sepoy personally told Me, the Gomasta of Jaggernautpore had sent Him -

If it be agreeable to You, to accomplish the Object particularly pointed out in the 3d Article of the Regulations, without the interference of Native Officers, I will with real pleasure allot a particular Day, in each Week to the Adjustment of the Weavers Rents, and will proceed in person to any Spot in the District, in cases where local enquiry may render it necefsary.-

I have the Honor to be

Sir &ca

No. 84] To S. Davis Esq^R - - - - - - Dinagepore 2^d Dec^r 1786

Acting-Collector

of Baughulpore

Sir

The Person who delivered to me your Letter of the 25^th Ult^o- can afford no sort of insight into the Grievance which gave rise to it - It is necefsary a Vakeel from the Bettea Gopaulpore Zemindars should attend, in order that I may make an investigation into the Complaint against Nuggeen Sing-

In the interim I have caused directions to be forwarded to the Bungha barry Mustazer to release the Sepoys said to be confined- However where Sepoys are deputed to the Support of one party of the Inhabitants against their neighbours,- disputes and Frays, must be endlefs I therefore would recommend the recal of the Sepoys- and by an investigation into the cause which might have created the necefsity for deputing Them-remove all future pleas for this specie of support -

I am Sir,

Your very Obedient

humble Servt

[No. 85] To M^R Christie

residing at Appole.

Sir,

I enclose copy of a representation received from the Naib of Appole Pergunnah, setting forth that several Raiuts Inhabitants in your farm, but Cultivators of Land belonging to the Pergunnah, withhold Payment of their Rents- as also many of the Riauts immediately holding Lands from the Naib, having left their habitations and placed themselves under the protection of your people, in order to evade payment of their dues to the Naib of the Pergunna, I request you will be so good as to enquire into these circumstances and afford the redrefs, the nature of them may require,

I am,

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore

the 4^th Dec^r 1786.

Dinagepore 4th Decr 1786 -

[No. 86] To Matthew Dawson Esqr

Chief of

Mexxadavad

Sir

The enclosed copy of a Representation from the Omlah of Sikapore Pergh in this district, states a heavy charge against the Officers of the Collections of Pergunna Malda in Zilla Rokunpore under your Superintendance, -

I request you will be so good as to enquire into the Complaint, and if true cause such directions to be ifsued, as shall in future prevent such very irregular, conduct, being exercised by the Officers belonging to Rokunpore,- no plea can now exist for taking upon themselves the authority to redrefs Grievances - whilst an appeal lays open to you, or to, -

Sir

Your very Obedt hble Servt

Dinagepore 8th Decr 1786-

[No. 87] MR J CHRISTIE - - - - - - -

residing

at Apoll -

Sir,

The Phousdar reports that he sent to you a Letter to require of you to produce evidence against a Person named lutkoo, formerly confined at Tauzepore upon a complaint of Robbery :- The prosecution is at present postponed for want of sufficient Evidence.- and as it appears you charged the Person with Theft - I request you will either cause testimony of the fact to be produced ; or afsign to the Phousdarry Officer such reasons, as may be sufficient to continue the Man in custody, -

The Phousdarry Jurisdiction of this District is at present under my Controul, - and the Person who sent you the Letter in question - the Officer appointed to the superintendance - I therefore request you will be at the trouble to afford the Phousdar the information He requires -

I am Sir

Your Obedt hble Servant -

Dinagepore the 13th Decr 1786.

No. 88] To

JOHN STABLES ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort Willlam -

Gentlemen,

I have been this day honoured with Your Letter of the 20th of November - and am exceedingly concerned to have been the cause of any Repetition of the Board's Orders relative to the monthly transmifsion of the Towjee Account -

The circumstance of the Towjee for Afsin having been dispatched from this five days after the Period prescribed - originated from the Hope I entertained /fruitlefsly/ of inserting some part of that month's Kist collected - especially as Jonkeeram Sing had kept me in daily Expectation of making a large Payment on that account.

I am also impelled to request the Board's forbearance, upon the late Transmifsion of the Jumma Wafsil Baâkee Account - owing to the unavoidable delay in closing of the month of Cartic's Accounts, with the Muffosil Omla - some of whom had declined sending up the usual Chelahas, without special Orders for so doing, from Jonkeeram Sing - and I beg to call the Board's Attention to my Addrefs of the 16th Ulto to corroborate what I have afserted upon this Subject.- An appeal to the difficulties I have been involved in, from the intricacy - fallacy, and every specie of deception introduced into the Accounts in general, of the Revenues of this District - would I trust, if laid before the Board in detail, operate to exculpate me from censure, on the score of inattention to their Orders. -

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

humble fervant.

Dinagepore the 15th Decr 1786.

No. 89] To MR CHRISTIE

residing

at

Apole

SIR,

I have received Your Letter of the 12th

The enclosure - appears to be a Letter from your Servant to You - not Copy of the Letter which You had written to the Naib and to which he had made no reply.-

I am confident that You have experienced difficulties from the unaccomodating Spirit of the Natives whenever they have to do with people who have no authority over them.- but I hope that this will no longer be the case - The Person now in Charge of the Collections of Apole is deputed immediately from me, and the enclosed Perwanna, is to direct him to attend You upon all Occasions where application to You relative to the Riauts, under You or him, may require it - confident that, You will afford that reciprocal Afsistance which may tend to facilitate the Collections - under your own Charge as well as his.-

I beg You will not put Yourself in any inconvenience in quitting of Your Habitation merely upon Ceremony - especially as Your Accomodations must be so much superior in point of convenience to those I at present live in - no part of which saving one room to the Eastward is habitable - When the House - I am preparing shall be finished, I shall have it more in my power to make a proper return to Your polite Attention

I am, Sir, &c[a]

Dinagepore Dec[r] 16[th] 1786.

[No. 90] To,

J. E. Harrington Esq[r]

D. A. R. D.

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 11[th] Ins[t]. and will give credit for the amount erroneously overdrawn. - in my Treasury Account for the present Month.

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant -

Denagepore 18th Decr
1786 -

No. 91] To John Kinlock Esqr
Chief of Burdwan -

Sir.

I request your Afsistance in placing the Bearer. Ramwany Sezawal in full pofsefsion of the Collections of Talook Burrooa in your District, but paying to Dinagepore ; in the room of the Gomasta now in the management. on the part of Jonkeram Sing the late manager of the Collections of this Division. ,

I am, Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant.

Denagepore 19th Decr 1786.

[**No. 92**] To,

JOSEPH CHAMPION ESQR
Collector of Shilberris

Sir.

Be pleased to advance for the payment of the Corps stationed with you, Sonaut Rs 1,578. and I will give you credit for the amount in my Treasury Account for the present month -

I am Sir
Your obedient hble Servt

Dinagepore 20th Decr 1786-

[**No. 93**] To CHARLES GRANT ESQR - - - - -
Resident
at Malda -

SIR

I am favor'd with your Letter of the 7th Instt accompanying the List of the Company's Weavers &ca and in the arrangement I shall form for afscertaining to you the Rents to be paid in Future by the Weavers ; the reports of the Polwary's and village Collectors, shall have no undue Seway -

I am Sir
Your very Obedt hble Servt

Denagepore Dec[r] 24[th] 1786.

[No. 94] To.

John Stables Esq[re]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

I have been honored by your Letter of the 14[th] Ins[t],

The Account Jumma Wafsil Bakee transmitted under cover of my Letter of the 13[th] Ins[t], stated the Amount collected from the District up to that date - and the Error I have fallen into with respect to the non-transmifsion of the Towjee Accounts for the Months of Cartic and Aughuen has originated from the idea, that as the Collections were in Khaas owing to the Breach of the Engagements to Government on the part of the Manager, that, I was in future to state to the Board the monthly Receipts account the Ballance due to Government in the form of a Jumma Wafsil Baakee Account, as the Kistbundee signed by the Manager for the Settlement to Government and the Monthly Mofufsil Towjees differ materially -

I have the honor to forward two separate Towjees for the Months of Cartic and Aughun and will in future be careful to transmit the Monthly Towjee by the prescribed Periods -

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obed[t] hble Ser[t]-

Dinagepore the 24[t] Dec[r] 1786 -

[No. 95] To

Jonathan Duncan Esq[R]

Prep: Rep[ts] Rev[e] Departm[t] -

Sir,

I now have the pleasure to make to you, Report upon the Petition and Pleadings, in the Suit of Jedoonundun Roy against Jonkiram Sing, transmitted to me under Date the 16[th] Ultimo.

The Jumma at the close of the Year 1191 as compared with the Records of the Aumeenee Sherista, appears to be undisputed by both Parties - and is what I have brought forward as the Settlement for the Year 1192. - The exactions stated by the Farmer to have been made from his Gomasta's in the course of that Year, are exhibited in the annexed account, under the different Heads, and claimed by Jonkeeram Sing upon the Plea of an Increase. - The Farmers Gomastas Jaooram Roy, and Durgachurn, deliver in an account of what they were willing to pay for the Year 1192 ; - and the Amount of the Payments as inserted in both Accounts, compared with the Records of the Zemindary - these Accounts are marked /A. & B. N° 1 & 2./

The Deposition of Sheeboo Mustophae Marked (C. N° 3) deposes that the Complainant's Gomasta Durgachurn, delivered an Istuffa in the month of Bhadun 1192 of the Farm of Pergh Kurdah & Sikarpore, and that the deponent was applied to, to take the Farm upon an increase - also the Deposition of Oonupchund - the Person alledged by Juddoonundun as being a Witnefs to the Circumstance of the Istuffa having been delivered. -

Jaooram Roy, and Durgachurn, the Gomasta's of Jeedoonundun Roy alledge, that rather than relinquish the Farm, and thereby lose the Ballances they had outstanding, they consented to give an increase of Rs 5,000- without any previous communication of their intentions to their Master. - - That the Furd or engagement they were forced to sign, contained the Sayer Jumma which was no part of their Masters Farm, and entered in the Furd, at an advanced rate to what it stood in the former year - of the Force used to oblige the Gomasta's to sign the Furd, no proof appears ; but they affirm, that Jonkeeram Sing to enable them to pay the Increase, furnished them with Perwannahs directed to the Riauts of Pergunnas Kurda, & Sikarpore, enjoining them to pay the Revenue according to the engagements entered into by the Farmer at the Sudder. - but that in the course of the Year, upon the Farmer's collecting of the Increase, the Riauts complained to Jonkeeram Sing, who ifsued another Perwanna to the Farmer, to desist from making the Collection of an article, which formed a part of the Afsets inserted in the Furd to which they had signed. - The Perwannas they produce to support the first part of their afsertion, Copies of which form a part of the Enclosures, and the defendant's Vakeel does not deny the latter. -

It appears, that the whole Sayer Jumma of the District was farmed by Curra Mozundar for the Year 1191, and for the Pergunnas Kurda & Sikarpore rated at Rs 3,550,, 15,, 9 - in the Zemindarry Accounts. -

With respect to the increase offered by an indifferent person, and which it would appear was the Ground for taking it, from the Gomasta of Juddoonundun- The Afsertion of the Vakeel of Jonkeeram Sing that a person named Ramcaunt did give a Dhurkaast about the month of Afsin 1192, offering 10,000 rs increased for the Farm ; is unsupported ; no proof being produced of this Circumstance.

Kifsencaunt Caunt, the Vakeel of Jankeeram Sing refers to the Hustabood accounts of the Farm, which he says were made upon the Dhurkaast of the Gomasta of Jeedoonundun, on the Complaint of the Riauts ; adducing these Accounts in proof, that his Principal received no more that Year, than what was collected from the Muffosil. -

Authenticated Copy of the Dhurkaust with that of the Petition of the Riauts is marked (D N° 4)

The Deposition of the Aumeen who made the Hustabood goes no further than to prove that he made the Hustabood of Pergunna Kurda. - The Transaction of the Dhurkaast is exhibited in the Deposition of the Person who signed it, - this deposition together with that of the Aumeen who made the Hustabood is marked (E N° 5).

Jaooram Roy, and Durgachurn, declare that the Accounts delivered by the Aumeen are not only formed from unfair documents, obtained by illicit means, - but unjustly ; whilst they continued making the regular Payments of their Master's Rents -

The Charge of Imprisonment of the Gomastas of Judoonundun, and of their being put in irons, is corroberated by the deposition of Sookrulla Cutwaal, who it appears acted by the directions of Jonkceram Sing. - the deposition of Sookrulla Cutwal is marked (F N° 6) -

I am,

Sir,

Your very obed^t^

humble fervant

Dinagepore 5^th^ Jan^y^ 1787.

[No. 96] To Jonathan Duncan Esq^r^

Prep : Reports Revenue Department,

Fort William

Sir.

The enclosed authenticated Copy of the Decree pafsed in the Adawlut of Taujepore is a full reply to the Complaint of Kasheram versus Radamohun transmitted to me under cover of your Letter of the 31^st^ Octo^r^ last, reced yesterday the latter holds possession agreeably to the Decree, and Kasherams complaint of course cannot admit of a re-hearing,

I am Sir

Your very ob^t^ hble Ser^t^

Dinagepore the 8^th^ Janr^y^ 1787.

[No. 97] To

Robert Adair Esq^r^

Collector,

Boglepore -

Sir,

I enclose Copy of a Petition this day presented by Souge narrain the person in charge of the Collections of Pergunna Ackbarabad, in this District, and request You will be so good as afford that relief which an investigation of the Complaint may admit of.

I am,

Sir,

Your very obed^t^ hble Servant

Dinagepore Jan^y^ 12^th^ 1787.

No. 98] To.

JOHN STABLES ESQ^R^

President &c^a^ Members of the

Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM-

GENTLEMEN,

I shall implicitly obey your directions contained in your Letter of the 29^th^ Ult^o^ and received this day, whenever Jonkeram Sing may tender Cash or substantial Bankers Drafts for the Balance of Revenue due from him.-

The Petition is framed upon very erroneous premises as the enclosures I have now the honor to transmit under cover will evince-

No 1 will shew the necefsity I was reduced to of discontinuing the practice of receiving the Hundees of Onupchund the Gomasta of Gunneesh dofs. - N^o^ 2. the Copy with translate of the Letters from his Principals exprefsly prohibit^g^ me from receiving any Hundees from Onupchund account of the present Balance due from Jonkeram Sing- and afsert as their reason; that they have a demand upon Kistbundee against the Zemindarry,- Copies of the Kistbundees have been delivered to me by Onupchund the Gomasta of Gunneesh dofs, all of them granted by Jonkeram Sing during the three Years the management of the Collections have been in his hands, the Amount is S^a^ R^s^ 2,97,506 . . 5. . - exclusive of this debt Juggut Seat has a considerable claim for a loan account of the Revenues of last Year- this will in a great degree account for the means by which the punctuality in his payments to Government has heretofore been preserved.-

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obedient
humble Servant.

Enclosure's

N^o^ 1 Copy of M^r^ Dawson's Lre returning the protested Hundees- annexed copy of th[*sic*] Boards prohibitory order relative to receiving Bills from Bankers who have once failed

2. Copy with Translates of the Letters from the Principals of Oonupchund-

Dinagepore the 15th Jan^{y}

[No. 99] To George Udney Esq^{re}

Act^{g} Resident at Malda

Sir

Previous to the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Inst^{t} I have ifsued Orders to the Sezawal (Copy of which I have the pleasure to enclose) in consequence of a Petition from several Weavers, inhabitants of Pergunna Mahynuggur both Petitions are for relief from one and the same grievance- I have repeated the Order to the Sezawal and threatened Him with dismifsion in case of dis-obedience.-

I have to observe that the full amount paid last Year by Weavers as well as others must be received from Them this, otherwise the Receipts from the District will not be sufficient to satisfy the demand from Government and I shall be obliged to You to notify this to the Weavers and others Dependants on your Factory- I will if pofsible next year provide the Riauts in general with regular Pottas- tho' I am confident this is not an object they wish to promote as a measurement of their Lands is what they are averse to-

I am Sir

Your very Obed^{t} hble f

Dinagepore the 19^{t} Janr^{y} 1787

[No. 100] To Richard Goodlad Esq^{re}

Collector of Govindgunge

Sir

The Riauts of Pergunnahs Andooa and Amdhur are in the habit of eloping into Baharbund and Goragot- to the former Pergunna I have been necefsitated to depute an Officer to realize a very large Balance incurr'd from the above circumstance. - these Perg^{hs} having Baharbund & Goragot for the Boundaries opens a fair retreat to the Riauts in both Districts whenever the Season arrives for prefsing from them the Revenues.- In order to effectually destroy this practice I would wish you would depute a Peon with a Dustuck to reside at the Cutcherry of Andooa for the purpose of checking any unjust demands on the part of my Omla, or any undue Protection being shewn by Yours', and in similar Cases where any afsistance may be required, I will most chearfully and punctually afford it-

I am Sir

Your very Obedt hble f^{t}

Dinagepore the 20th Jan^y^ 1787.

[**No. 101**] To D. H. M^c^ Dowal Esq^re^

Collector of Rungpore

Sir

A considerable Ballance of Revenue has fallen in the pergunna of Andoôa, owing to the Riauts eloping to the borders of your District- a prevailing /Hind/ custom whenever the Season arrives for realizing of the last Kists of the year- I conclude the same circumstance frequently occurs with You.- and if it meet with your concurrence, the following mode to destroy this Elusion I recommend to be adopted- a creditable Peon with a Dustuck to your Omla to be stationed at the Cutcherry in those Pergunnas bordering upon this District exprefsly authorized to deliver over such Riauts who may escape to avoid payment of their Rents, and vice versa I will depute Persons in this to be subject to the Orders of both of us.- for example should it be represented to You, that any of the Riauts under your Jurisdiction had taken refuge here, your Order to my Officer shall be sufficient warrant, to cause the immediate apprehension, and delivery of Them to your officer by this reciprocal service not merely security to the Revenues will be insured but improper emigrations be checked and the Inhabitants prevented from wandering backward, and forward, to the vexation of the Officers of the Collections, who in all these cases, are reduced to hold out false promises, and practice every specie of deception to induce the Riaut to settle, even Pottas at a fixed rate can be of no avail while natural inclination to delay payment is combined with so powerful an incentive to evade it altogether.-

I am Sir

Your very Obed^t^ hble f^t^

[**No. 102**] To George Shee Esq^re^

Judge of the Awdawlut

at Dacca

Sir

Should the enclosed representation upon enquiry be found true, I make no doubt but you will immediately cause the Party to be released, and the Persons guilty of the outrage punished.- The Fact of Manoohur Dofs & Kefsen Kifseb being forcibly carried away from this District is attested by the Persons who were witnefses of the Transaction copy of their deposition I enclose and remain

Dinagepore

the 20th Janr^y^ 1787

Sir

Your very obed^t^ hble f^t^

Dinagepore the 20th Jan^y 1787

[No. 103] To

George Udney Esq^re

Malda

Sir

The enclosed representation is one of many which have lately been presented of the improper authority afsumed by the Gomasta residing at y^e Factory of Saumgunge - This interference in matters cognizable by the Awdawlut whether on the part of the Weavers, or otherwise cannot be permitted. I request you will cause the person confined to be released, and give directions to prevent any act of this nature happening in future - I also beg you will include the Cootees at Bafsutteepara and Nachintpore in the Order you shall think proper to ifsue on the present Occasion

I am Sir

Your very Obed^t hble fr

Dinagepore the 22^d Janr^y 1787.

[No. 104] To John Stables Esq^R

President & Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have now the honour to report upon the enquiry directed to be made under date of your Secretary's Letter the 11th July last. -

The Waste Lands in this District consist of considerable portions in every Pergunna, exclusive of the uncultivated Ground contiguous to the Woods of Jarbarry and Saalbarry the northward boundaries, and Poolbarry to the Eastward - The whole capable of making an ample provision for such non-commision'd Officers as the Board may please to cause Grants to be ifsued to. -

The Europeans residing in this District are -

M^r James Christie in the Pergunna of Apole since the year 1775 - a sugar Baker -

M^r T. Furramont residing at Cunsumahgunge since the 26^t of December last, and carrying on the Businefs of a Merchant.

I am Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

humble fervant.

Denagepore 29th Jany 1787.

[No. 105] To. M GREY ESQR

TAJEPORE.

Sir.

I received your Letter of the 25th Int accompanying the Vouchers &ca transfer'd from the Tajepore Awdawlut, as appertaining to this Division. -

I am Sir

Your very obt hble Servant.

[No. 106] To. GEORGE UDNEY ESQR DINAGEPORE Jany 29th 1787.

Acting Resident

MALDA -

SIR :

I enclose Copy of a Letter received from Ramduloll Sezawal of Pergunnah Appole the frequent interferences of the Agent residing at the Factory at Samgunge, is the cause of great inconvenience to me in realizing the Collections, I therefore anxiously hope you will prohibit this irregular conduct in future. -

In cases where any of the Officers employed in the Collections shall behave improperly on representation being made to me, I will afford ample redrefs. -

I am Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 1st Febry 1787.

[No. 107] To

THOS GRAHAM ESQR

late President of the Commee of Grain

Sir,

I now have the pleasure to forward the Accounts of the Expenses on, and Sales of Grain, to the period, the remaining Quantity was delivered over to the Vizier Nawob.- No 1- is Account Currt stating the Balance of Cash remaining in my Hands, and No 2 account of the deliveries of the Grain made to the Agent of Hyder Beg Cawn the Viziers Minister conformably to a separate Receipt in the Hands of the Gomasta who resided at Allahabad on my part.-

You will please to note that I have not drawn for any Commifsion upon the Sales; and indeed the termination of this unfortunate, and very troublesome Consignment, gives me no encouragement to claim that consideration, which in most similar Agencies, is granted as a compensation to the manager

I am

Sir &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 9^th February 1787-

[No. 108] To

M^R FERRAMONT

Residing at

Consuma Gunge-

SIR,

I beg you will desist from taking any measures in ascertaining the boundaries of the Ground You propose taking charge of, until the Property in the Land to which the Farmer Aumeen Roy lays Claim, shall have been legally established - and I request that in future You will apply to me in all cases disputed, between You and the natives, and by no means interpose Your own Authority - Copy of the Petition of the Farmer I enclose.-

I am

Sir &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 10^th Febr^y 1787-

[No. 109] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQ^R

Chief of Muxadavad.-

SIR,

The Bearer Godadur- is the Vakeel of Sadasheeb the Farmer of Pergunna Ajahur in this District, who represents that the Rokunpore Zemindars are about to establish a new Haât to the Ruin of the old established Gunge of Bomingola included in his Farm, and forming a considerable portion of the Rent, he is under articles to pay to Government - the Copy of the Petition I enclose and request you will be pleased to afford the Relief which the circumstances of the case may require with as much expedition as pofsible, as on this plea the Renter with-holds the payment of his Ballance- -

I am

Sir &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 17th Febry 1787.-

[No. 110] To

S,, G. HEATLY ESQR

Collector of

PURNEA -

SIR,

Your Letter covering Copy of a Petition from the Zemindar of Delaurpore I have received, and ifsued a Perwanna to the Omla of Roygunge in Pergunna Sugenagur to prohibit the evil practices therein set forth.-

A separate Letter from Chandeepursaud the Zemr of Delawrpore accompanied Your's, in which he afserts that the Omla of Roy gunge are the Aggressors ; not of Rannee Gunge as inserted in the Copy of the Petition.-

Rannee Gunge has long since been abolished-

I am,

SIR,

Your obedt hble Servt-

Denagepore Feby 19th 1787.

[No. 111] To

ROBERT ADAIR ESQR

Collector of Boglepore.

Sir,

I enclose Copy of a Letter this day received from Sougenerain the Farmer of Pergunnah Ackbarabad in this District ; and if as represented, - the only mode of preventing a disturbance, is by previously deciding upon the claims of the several Parties, if it shall appear on enquiry, that they be founded on any just grounds.-

In consequence of the information received from Sougenerain, I have ifsued a Perwannah to prohibit his taking any part in the opposition which he afserts is upon the Eve of being created by the other Claimants-

I forwarded to you the Petition of Sougenerain setting forth his Claims under date the 8th ultimo and the Vakeel on the part of the Farmer now attends you.-

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 22d Febry 1787.-

[No. 112] To

GEORGE UDNEY ESQR-

Resident at

MALDA-

SIR,

In the event of the Representation of which I now enclose You Copy being true, I request You will be pleased to direct Hingyon Loll the Gomasta at Jaggernautpore Cootee to withdraw his Protection from Ramkifsore Surma, as also the Support alledged to be extended by the Agent at the Callygong Cootee to Ramnaut Mundull an under Farmer- Sheebnarrain the Sezawal of Pergunna Sougenagur afserts this cause as a plea for not paying up the Balance of Revenue due from that Pergunna.-

The story may be void of foundation altogether however I wish it to be understood, that where the Farmers, under Renters, Mundulls &ca- Riauts have any reason to complain of undue exactions, they ought to appeal to the Mustophee Office ; where a fair adjustment of Accounts made under my own inspection will immediately take place—but unfortunately the prevailing System of collusively obtaining annual Pottahs at an under-rated value of the Lands, will ever operate to defeat any attempt to make a fair adjustment of Accounts between the Collector and the Renter- and until effectual measures can be adopted to remove this obstacle- The Renters will always have a plausible reason to withhold, what upon an equitable investigation, and appeal to the actual Afsets in their pofsefsion, would appear to be justly due.-

I am, Sir,

Your very obedt hble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 26th February 1787.

[No. 113] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM. -

GENTLEMEN,

I have duly received Your Letter of the 13th Instant

Jonkeeram Sing having no Property in the District, the only steps I have hitherto taken for the recovery of the Ballance due from him, is placing him in confinement.

The enclosed Statement is framed from the official Accounts kept during his Managem^{t}, and drawn out by the several Officers then, and at present in Charge of the Zemindarry Records ; the Amount of S^{a} r^{s} 1,13,064,,-6,,-19 is the exact difference between the Chelans and the Payments into this Treasury, due from Johnkeeram ſing, and for which he is at present in Confinement. -

Copy of my Proceedings upon the Ballance due from Jonkeeram Sing are annexed-

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient

humble ſervant.

No. 114] To George Udny Esq^{re}

Resident at Malda

Sir

I am favoured with your Letter of the 21st enclosing copy of the information transmitted from the Gomasta at Machundpore - What the Weavers have aſserted is Fact, and was chiefly, the Usage while the management of the Collections remained in the Hands of the Zemindar ; but from being made Khaas it is incompatible with that system to receive any part of the Revenue in kind, and custom, for time immemorial has established the priveledge of a choice to the Government. - The Riaut in return may when he finds it beneficial from Grain being in demand, or other adventitious circumstance, pay in money with this further advantage ; - that a deduction of $\frac{1}{4}$th from the Price Grain is valued at in the Pergunna is granted to him - The Aodee Revenue is ceſsed at the average rate of about 1 R^{e} p^{r} Bega in the Pergunna of Suntose, of course the Riauts according to the present mode of collection have to pay 12 annas p^{r} Bega - This expedient is universally adopted throughout the District. and must obtain with the Weavers - The repeated and strict Orders upon this subject sent to the Officers of the Collections, I should hope, they would not wilfully disobey. -

The circumstance of the Weavers exhibiting Receipts specifying Revenue paid in kind ; by no means proves that they never have paid in Cash - - The Receipts are always granted according to the tenure, more with a view to preserve the title from being liable to be disputed, than to evince bonafide adherence to the original terms of it - I am apprehensive the Trouble we both are put to upon these occasions, is mostly created from the Agents at the different Cootees affording too ready an Ear to the representations of the Weavers, and encouraging their complaints without taking the pains to ascertain how far they are founded in Truth, or if the remonstrance is against the established, in Gen^{l} rule of the Pergunna. -

So many instances have come to my knowledge to substantiate the fallacy of Cheet Furreeks or Receipts in full that I can no longer doubt that the fraudulent practice of executing these collusive Instruments to the Riauts, by the Patwarrees, Mundulls &ca, up to the very chief collecting Officer has long been prevalent throughout the District; and this reason in the adjustment of a Riauts account ought to be admitted with caution - In my addrefs under date the 22^d Inst^t I hinted at the annual manoevore of the Riauts with respect to their Potta. - This chicanery I hope in time will be subdued, in the interim it requires every exertion to keep the Collections from falling in Ballance, nor can I in any one Instance grant remifsions - What was collected last Year under every denomination of Revenue must be received this; and I lament, that situated as I am, at present I can afford no greater degree of attention to the complaint of the Riaut than merely shield him from further demands, and for which purpose I have established an office open every day under my own personal inspection, for the settling of all accounts between the Riaut and his immediate Collector.

DANIGEPORE

I am Sir Your very Obed^t hble f^t

the 28^th feb^y 1787

Dinagepore February 28^th 1787.

[No. 115] To.

William Bruere Esq^r

Secretary to the Right Honble the

Governor General in Council

Sir.

Be pleased to inform the Right Hble the Governor General in Council in reply to your Letter of the 21^st Ins^t that the Awdawlut of this Division has been but recently annexed to my Superintendance, and received in charge since the 1^st of the present Month. -

I also take the Liberty to request of you to cause a Form of the Abstract Register to be transmitted to me; in order that I may implicitly conform to the 52^d Article of the Judicial Regulations-

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

No. 116] To. Denagepore March 3d 1787.

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Chief of Muxadabad

SIR.

I have been favored with your Letter of the 28th and hope I shall be able to remit you the Sum of Sa Rs 69,000 by the end of Bysaack. including a Hundee transmitted under cover of my Letter of the 28th for Sa Rs 13,000 The Hundee forwarded to you, the 25th of last month for Sa Rs 22,000 is not included in the Estimate

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servt

No. 117] To Dinagepore the 5th March 1787-

MAJOR JAS DUNN,

Commanding at

DINAGEPORE-

SIR,

I have received information from the Officers of the Collections stationed in Pergunna Sikarpore about 50 Miles, to the Southwest of Dinagepore, of a body of Fakeers to the number of between 3 & 400 having commenced depredations in the Perg: to the terror of the Officers and inhabitants- I request you will be pleased to detach such forces as You shall deem proper to disperse this Banditti, and protect the inhabitants.

I am

SIR, &ca-

No. 118] To

JOHN SHORE ESQRE

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I am truly sorry that I have so long defer'd replying to your Letter of the 18th of December last - and have now to inform the Board that there are, no French Flags hoisted in this District

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your very obedt hble ft

DINAGEPORE
the 5th March
1787

[No. 119] To.

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM.

GENTLEMEN,

In obedience to your Orders under date the 23[d] of February received the 4[th] Ins[t], I now have the honor to enclose an Account Jumma Wafsil Baakee of this District for the current Year made up to the 15[th] of Phalgun The Ballance of Sicca R[s] 1,15,396. 5. 15.2 due from the District, I shall expect to realize by the end of Choit, or the commencement of the succeeding month-

In explanation of the causes which have thwarted my endeavours to realize the Ballance at an earlier period, I transmit two Statements,-N° 1 containing an Account of the Settlement made by the late Manager.- No 2. exhibiting the encrease made by me since the 1[st] of Aughrun the date when the particular Superintendance of the Collections devolved to my charge.

The encrease is the result of my investigation, into the Accounts with a view to trace the cause of so large a deficiency in the Settlement of the present Year and is comprized of the following five Articles. Viz.

MUFFOSIL CHARGES COLLECTIONS & CA
BIRT BEERT
DEVUTTREE
MAHARAUGEPORE &C[A] BAAZEE TALOOKS.
TALOOKS OF SEEBCHUND SURMA
PERGUNNAH ACKBARPORE

MOFFUSIL CHARGES COLLECTION has been annexed as an encrease to my Monthly Towjees, because in general, the Naibs deputed by the late Manager to make the Mofufsil Collections were principally the last Years Incumbents, continued to the present hour, in charge, and from the first, could alledge no substantial Reasons for remifsions being granted under any other Plea, than "DESERTION OF THE RIAUTS" a Calamity if such did occur, they were bound in Duty and other cogent reasons to prevent,- where exceptions to this general rejection, existed, from a stipulated Sum being demanded from the Naibs, owing to the Weaknefs or Knavery of the Manager in not ascertaining the resources from which it was to be made good prior to making his Engagements,- I have invariably adhered to the original Terms acceeded to by the Naib.- - An Hustabood of the Pergunna in their Charge, and which was not thought of till the period of my sending officers into the Muffosil with directions to prevent any further defalcation of the Revenues, to endeavour and effect an encrease equal to the Amount Charges Collections in each Pergunna taking the total Amount of Payments made by the Riauts the preceding Year under every denomination of Revenue, as the standard for the Khaam Jumma of the present.- and if the resources of the Pergunna shall be insufficient to defray the charges of collecting the Revenues, the Naib in that case, to be entitled to credit in Account for the Sum so proved deficient,- and strong injunctions have been given, that no unnecefsary charge whatever shall be made, or admitted of from the Amdannee-

I was more especially induced to apply this Article to the score of making up a part of the grand deficiency, as being fully justifiable on the grounds of sound Policy; the Riauts now pay without murmur, whatever was carried to the Account of Revenue last Year.- the Reports upon which the remifsion took place were altogether desultory, as having been hastily prepared, by Persons deputed, upon the eve of my Arrival here, into the Mofufsil under the Title of Abaady and their charges defrayed by the Riauts whose Lands they ostensibly were deputed to cefs and report upon. .-

BERT BEERT. the encrease under this Head I claim as the property of Government- the means held out by the late Manager being ineffectual, to the purpose of fulfilling his Engagements, and a separate and distinct Jumma to so considerable an amount altogether unauthorized.- The sum of R^s 28,000- an annual provision admitted of by the late Committee of Circuit, for charitable purposes, was chargeable upon the surplus Collections remaining, after the dues to Government had been fully discharged.- no decrease could ever befal this Article of alienated Jumma, it being a fixed monthly deduction from the grofs Collections of the Pergunnas-

DEVUTTRE, This mehal is composed of Haats Gauts &c^a established to the diminution of the Saiir Jumma; wherever they are erected- the subsequent increase arises upon the same grounds as that under the foregoing head-

MEHARAUGEPORE &C^A BAZEE TALOOKS.

These Talooks have not heretofore appeared upon the publick Records of the Zemindarry, and have been attached upon the Jumma they were rated at in the first Account delivered in.- The additional increase was discovered upon investigation of the Mofufsil Records-

TALOOKS SEEBCHUND SURMA.

Villages made Kharridge from the jumma Mehals of the District, and farmed under the fictitious name of Seebchand Serma. the additional increase was acquired by detecting the fallacy of the Accounts first delivered in.

PERGUNNA ACKBARPORE Parcel of profitable Lands separated from the Pergunna of that name, at an under rated Value to what they stood before they were dismembered, the further increase upon this, as upon the foregoing, arose from the first Accounts delivered to me by the Omla at the period I took the Superintendence of the Mofufsil Collections under my immediate charge, being evidently false, upon closely comparing them with the Mofufsil Papers-

There will be likewife on settling of the Mofufsil Accounts, a surplus of Batta forthcoming, arising from the difference of the rate at which the Amdannee is paid into my Treasury, and that at which, it has been always customary to collect, and to the account of this Fund all Lofs upon Exchange Loans &c^a expences to make good the Payments of the Kists to Government were during the management of the Zemindar usually transferred at the close of the Year. - & will be brought to publick account.

To further strengthen my Plea for the Boards forbearance as to the exact period for collecting the Ballance, and the final close of my Accounts, I have to observe that the Account of the Settlement delivered into me by Jonkeram Sing, and the Accounts upon which it was framed, were widely different, a Statement of the difference, makes one of the Enclosures and I did not learn till I prefsed the Muffosil Naibs for the Amount Munkuzzee at the close of the Month of Aughrun, that they had been deputed to make the Collections upon a loose average Estimate, so that upon the discovery of this deception I had afsets to the Amount of R^s 184.747. 3. 1. to look after, and this has been the cause of a heavy Mudgveelee Ballance, which by degrees will be realized with very little coercion, - For the Recovery of the Amount actually collected from the District and unaccounted for, The Board will be pleased to furnish me with such Orders as they may deem expedient-

DINAGEPORE

March the 6th

1787

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

[No. 120]

DINAGEPORE the 7th March 1787-

To

BENJAMIN APLIN ESQR

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM-

SIR,

The Board in their Letter of the 9th of Febry last refer to a Letter written by me relative to the ruinous situation of the Honble Company's House at this Station- I have searched my public Letter Book in vain to appeal to the Copy of the above Letter in question, in order that I might make reply to the Board's Letter.- I have to request, if such Letter be amongst Your records, that you will be pleased to forward a Copy of it forthwith, and if necefsary, inform the Board with the cause, of my inability to forward an earlie answer to their Letter.-

I am

SIR, &ca

DINAGEPORE the 9th March 1787.

[No. 121] To JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board

of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN.

I now have the honor to report to you such information as I have been enabled to acquire upon the three first Points contained in your Letter of the 20th Ultimo.-

At the close of the last Year it appears that a temporary contribution from the District was levied for the purpose of defraying the Expence of making an Embankment from the Town of Dinagepore to Anundsagur a place of Worship.-

No oppreſsions, have been exercised by the Zemindar, Farmers, or Renters, in this District, since my Arrival here that have come to my Knowledge, and it is fair to conclude that none of any extraordinary nature do exist, since I regularly attend almost daily at the Cutcherry to hear, and redreſs all greivances that may be preferred, and twice in every week receive Petitions in Person, from all Persons indiscriminately- - -

The System of Collections in this District appears from the observations I have been enabled to make during my Residence here, to require a general reform, the present existing mode is so very complex and intricate that Frauds and collusions must frequently be practiced and continue undetected from the impoſsibility of tracing in every case, the source from whence they spring; and it ſeems to have been a general maxim of Policy with all the native Managers who have heretofore, in any degree, had transactions in the busineſs of the Collections from the Riaut upwards, to conceal from, and render intricate, every enquiry it might be desirable to set on foot, whereby a true insight into the mode of ceſsing the Lands, or collecting of the Revenue could be obtained. These conclusions I submit to the Board from the many Facts which have come under my immediate notice and examination during the course of my superintendence of the Collections-

I have observed throughout my investigation into the Complaints of the Riauts, that their chief alledged grievance is for over-exaction; and they invariably have produced a sheet Furruck or general release granted by their Patwarrees or mundulls for the preceding Year. to support the charge.- the universal practice by the Patwarrees of conniving at the reduction of the Mofufsil Jumma is created, from the strong inducement such a manoeuvre affords of secreting a part of the Receipts, and the Riauts from the rivetted and fixed Idea they are unpreſsed with, that a fair, and open disclosure of the whole of their Payments would subject them to further demands - chearfully enter into a compact - the method of reducing the Jumma evidently shews that the immediate Collector connives at the practice, - the Riaut frequently relinquishes his Land annually, and holds off, from cultivating till the Kutkimmadar Farmer or superior Collector solicits him, to receive it at an inferior Rent to that, paid by him, the preceding Year, and a Potta

granted accordingly, - at the approach of the Harvest the Crop is attached, generally at the instance of the Mundull, or Patwarree, the Property thus secured reduces the Riaut to consent to the terms he originally held the Land upon, but the Rent, as specified in the collusive Potta is the standard for the cheet Furruck, or general Release granted to the Riaut at the expiration of the Year. - this species of deceitful practice is not only the cause of frequent desertion, but productive of a chain of Frauds, which the most able management cannot easily detect, and effectually precludes the operation of that mutual confidence, which ought studiously to be cherished between the Government, and the Riaut, from whose labours the Revenue originates

This custom having become so very prevalent throughout the District ; on the first of the present month, in conjunction with some of the old and principal inhabitants in this neighbourhood I consulted upon the means, the best calculated for checking of the Evil in its present stage, and by degrees removing of it altogether- my Proceedings upon this Subject will but explain the measures taken to effect an object of such moment, and form an Enclosure for the Boards inspection. - the Publication is much fuller and more pointed to the occafsion than the notes upon my Proceedings from which it was framed, but upon the whole, does not I believe differ in the Sense, and with a view to strengthen, and give weight, to the proclamation, I hope, I have not erred in promulgating to the Riauts, what I conceived to be the Boards intentions when they were pleased to adopt the System of sending out Collections. The Forms of Kistbundees I will forthwith prepare conformably to your directions.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your very ob^{t} hble Ser^{t}

DINAGEPORE the 9th Mar : 1787-

[No. 122] To LIEUT^{T} COL^{L}
JOHN COCKERELL-
Aid de Camp to the
Right Honble Gov^{r} General

SIR,

In consequence of a note of Reference upon a Petition signed Ram Golaum Tagore presented here some days since, I take the Liberty of forwarding to You a Copy of my Proceedings, in order that they may be laid before the Right Honble the Governor General, in case Ram Golam Tagore, or his Son Munseram, who preferre'd the Complaint, shall again renew it, and which, (apparently in a fit of despair,) he has declared his intention of doing.-

I am
Sir
Your very Obed^{t} hble Serv^{t}--

DINAGEPORE the 12th March 1787.

No. 123] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT-WILLIAM

Gentlemen,

In reply to Your desire contained in Your Letter of the 9th Ulto - I have to inform you that the Expce of putting the Honble Company's House at this Station into a habitable Condition, would exceed considerably, the Charge of erecting a new Building of a moderate Size- The Factory is a very capacious Ruin, and the Room which necefsity has obliged me to reside in, is the only one that could be made habitable, and which I have done by propping or shoring up the Beams, and must remain in it until the House I am now raising shall be compleated.-

I have the Honor- to remain,

Gentlemen &ca

DINAGEPORE March 13th 1787.

No. 124] To

D. H. McDOWALL ESQR

Collector of

RUNGPORE.

SIR,

The enclosed is copy of a representation this day received from the Sezawaal of Pergunna Saalbarry, a Person from the Pergunna I have ordered to attend you, to state the particulars, and request you will cause the Riaut to be apprehended, and sent to me, in order that a fair Adjustment of the Claims for Revenue may be made, and payment of any Ballance shall be due from him, enforced

I am Sir

Your very obt hble Sert

DINAGEPORE the 17th Mar : 1787

[**No. 125**] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM.-

GENTLEMEN

I have now the honor to forward Form of Kestbundee, prepared from a comparison with the mofufsil Towjees, and which are suited as much as pofsible, to the convenience of the Cultivator, so calculated, that the period of Demand, shall correspond with the means of payment and the Riaut be relieved from the necefsity of mortgaging or borrowing at an excefsive Interest to liquidate his Rents-

This mode of regulating the Kestbundee promises effectual relief to the Land holders, and permanent Security to the payment of the Revenue instalments-

In addition to the remarks contained in my Letter to the Board under date the 9th Ins^t- I beg leave to submit the following; not merely as an appendage to what I have before stated, but as introductory to a plan, for the ground work of the ensuing Settlement, which with all deference I shall submit, in the sequel, to the Boards consideration-

The train of intervention, the variety of Agency employed in the present mode of conducting the Revenues embarrafses and almost precludes every attempt to establish a permanent and direct intercourse between the Government, and the Riaut, and until these obstacles shall be removed or in a great degree reduced, the Riaut can never thoroughly understand that an open and honest payment of his Rents will secure to him full protection against all undue exactions,- to imprefs them with an unreserved and full confidence in the justice, and good faith of the Government it may be desirable to promote a closer communication,- this can be effected without much labour, there being no Talookdars or inferior Landholders to claim a subordinate right of Vafsalage, and the causes which at present operate to combat the establishing of this object, tho complicate, are but of a temporary nature, and would be entirely done away by adopting of those measures necefsary, to introduce a more regular System for collecting of the Revenues than that now existing-

the mode invariably adhered to for many Years back by the Agents of the Raja in making the Annual Settlement must have been attended with uncommon labour intricacy and uncertainty in realizing of the Revenues- the Zemindars Bundabust of the District is formed under three distinct Heads Vizt, KAÂS Mehals

Pergunnaatee Musteeazery

HUZZOORY IZARADARS.

The Collections of the first are made by Chowdries, or Naibs, and Mustophees deputed from the Sudder, who execute an instrument called a Furd for a fixed Jumma and which is supposed to be computed from reports of Abaâdgars annually sent into the Mofufsil, under the pretext of ascertaining the state of cultivation; but in fact return with a long and voluminous detail of devastations created in the former Year, to prove the urgency of reducing the Jumma for the Succeeding,- the Choudries, or Naibs engage at as low a Jumma as pofsible; but do not succeed to their office without a great deal of competition by Persons, who either from a knowledge of the true state of the Pergunna, or collusion with the Sudder officers promise, an increase upon the Jumma at which the Pergunna may be rated,- upon the Arrival of these Officers in the mofufsil, they begin to make the best of their bargain and the management from this period, extends into different branches from the head Farmer, down to the Mundull, or principal Landholder in the Village-

The Pergunnahtee Mustaagerree is of the same nature as the former, but in general, held by the Sudder Officers and their Dependants-

THE HUZZOOREE IZARRAHS differ, insomuch, that the chief Farmer pays direct to the Sudder Cutcherry, and the Farms exclusive of the Save Jumma mehals are composed of Parcel, or Parcels of Land made Kharridge from the Pergunnahs.-

To swell the coffers of the Zemindar, and gratify the avidity of the Sudder Officers, an Hustabood of the whole, at the close of the Year takes place; in vain the Chowdry, Naib, Farmers &c[a] urge their having fulfilled their Engagements, the only consolation for the trouble, and vexation, they experience at this reckoning, arises from a conviction that the Intricacy and subtlety of their management will still leave them in pofsefsion of some gleanings undiscovered.- my Report made to the Preparer of Reports under date the 24[th] Dec[r] last in the suit of Judoonundun Roy versus Jonkeram Sing, will, if the Board think proper to refer to it, exhibit a strong proof in point,- the Pottahs hitherto granted throughout the District are vague, and indefinite, and the general tenor of them so loose and unconnected with respect to the fixed Rent payable by the Riaut Farmer, or others, that a specious opening is left for undue exaction,-

With Permifsion, of the Board I would propose the substituting of a mode, which from local observation appears to be well calculated for correcting of the imperfections which exist in the present system of transacting the businefs of the Revenues in this District, If the approaching Settlement was to be formed with the Mundulls, and Paramonicks, under the additional joint Security of the Riauts- I conceive manifold benefits might be derived from it.- the ruinous Expediency of leasing upon a rack-rent in all its variety of shapes, would be abolished; the numerous body of inferior Agents necefsarily intervalued in so complicated a management rendered unnecefsary, and the Receipts from the Riauts be no longer liable to defalcation from pafsing thro' many Hands, before the net amount, can pofsibly reach the Collectors Treasury;- the practice of every mofufsil Officer becoming a Farmer in his own right, or by under-hand means wholly done, away- the number of Cutcherry Officers in each Pergunnah considerably reduced, and

the attention of those, whom it shall be necefsary to continue, confined to the duty they may be deputed to perform,- the dismembered portions of the several Pergunnas, now paying separate, will be more easily restored; and the Jumma be fixed according to the rate paid by the Pergunna, these Mahals have in general been made Kharridge to gratify some interested purpose of the principal Revenue Officers, and it has not been unfrequent to reannex such portions of Lands, whenever they have been so impoverished as to render them, no longer worthholding, and a fine for the admifsion of an Istuffa, or relinquishment, paid; the jumma still continuing the same, as it stood, when the Kharridge first took place-lastly a fair opportunity will be open to grant regular fixed Pottahs to the Riauts, and redrefs of all irregularities practised between the Mundulls, or inferior Superintendants of the Collections, and the Riauts, easily, and effectually administered,- the veil which now covers the resources completely removed, the Revenue be established upon a clear and permanent footing, and not be again liable to the confusion, and malversation it has been so many Years involved in-

In the Event of the Boards approval of the System, I am collecting such accounts, and documents as may be required by the Person, they shall think fit to delegate authority to, for the carrying it into execution.

To the two last Paragraphs of the Board's circular Letter, I shall reply as early as pofsible, but the Records to enable me to give authentic information upon the points required, are no where to be found, and it has been suggested to me, that they are in the Rannaes keeping- the Naib Canongoe appears to labour under the same difficulty-

I have

the honor to remain.

Gentlemen

[No. 126] To DINAGEPORE the 23rd Mar: 1787-

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.

SIR,

There being no Persons yet appointed on the part of the Nazim- The Persons apprehended by me, must remain in Custody, until I shall receive Directions, or be informed to what Officer the Prisoners are to be made over for Trial.-

My report of Apprehensions for the foregoing months is annexed.-

I am,

Sir &ca

DINAGEPORE the 27th Mar: 1787-

No. 127] BURRISH CRISP ESQR

Register of the Sudder Diwanny Adawlut.-

FORT WILLIAM-

SIR,

I have received Your Letter of the 20th Inst with the Draft and Certificates enclosed for my Allowances as Judge of the Dewanny Audawlut for the months of December Janry & Febry. last.

I am,

Sir &ca

Denagepore. March 30th 1787.

No. 128] To WILLIAM COWPER ESQR

Acting President of the Khalsa.

SIR.

Under charge of Golaum Rufsool Mirda and ten Peons, Jonkeram Sing attends you.

I am Sir

Your very obt humble Sert

No. 129] To JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board

of Revenue.

GENTLEMEN.

Jonkeram Sing not having complied with your directions contained in your Perwannah transmitted under Date the 13th and received here the 24th Int I have ordered him down to the Presidency under Peons.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your very obt hble Sert

DINAGEPORE

the 30th March 1787.

[**No. 130**] To Edward Fenwick Esq^re^

Milit^y^ P. M^r^ Gen^l^

Sir

M^r^ Alexander did write Me to recover from Major J^s^ Dunn the Ballance due by him to the Company, and copy of my Letter to the Major upon the Subject, I now enclose- The original Letter together with the Acc^t^ Curr^t^ were deposited among the Records of the 3^d^ Brigade, and made over by M^r^ Cheap to the Pay M^r^ of that Brigade - I never reced the amount-

I am fir

DINAGEPORE

the 1^st^ April 1787,

Your very Obed^t^ hble fr

DINAGEPORE 4^th^ April 1787.-

[**No. 131**] To JOHN SHORE ESQ^R^

President &c^a^ Members of the Board of Revenue.

FORT WILLIAM-

GENTLEMEN.

On the 30^th^ I was honored by receipt of your Letter of the 20^th^ March.

I transmit annexed Extract of my Proceedings upon the Ballance due from Souba Bundy one of the Naibs in the management of the collections - together with attested Copys of the Furds and the Deposition of Kefsen-Caunt Mozundur the officer who made the present Years Settlement, to establish the Fact of the Muffosil Bundabusts having been formed upon vague & loose Grounds.

The Abstract amount of the Jumma for the present Year, as made by the late Manager is stated in the Amount marked A transmitted in my Letter of the 6^th^ Ultimo

I have kept a separate account of the Collections from the alienated Lands held in attachment, and shall forward it to the Board conformably to their directions.- Translate of the Bengal Papers are annexed -

I have the honour to remain

Gentlemen.

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

No. 132] To

JONATHAN DUNCAN ESQ^R

Preparer Reports to the Revenue Department.

SIR.

In compliance with the orders of the Board of Revenue under date the 27th March last. I now fend you an account drawn from the Zemindarry Records of the particulars of the Ground belonging to the Honble Company at this Station -

The buildings are as follows.–

One lower roomed brick built house containing 1 Hall four bed Rooms two Closets and a Verandah.

and Two small brick built Godowns - situated at some distance from the House.–

Begahs Cottahs

The whole standing upon 145. 8 of Ground. One of the brick Godowns is at present in charge of the Commanding Officer-

No Title deeds or plan of the Buildings and ground are in my Pofsefsion-

I am Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE

April 9th 1787.

Denagepore the 16th April

1787.

No. 133] To John White Esq^re

Remembrancer of the criminal Courts

Sir

In my Letter of the 23d Ult° I informed You, that no Person had been reported on the part of the Nazim and that the prisoners apprehended remained in my custody - I shall be obliged to You, for information relative to their Trials especially so, on account of some of the Prisoners having been long confined upon suspicion only- as the charge

I am Sir

Your very Obed^t. hble fr

[**No. 134**] To John Shore Esq[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Reve[. . .]

Fort William-

Gentlemen.

I have this day been honored with your Letter of the 10[th] Instant.
In obedience to your Directions I beg leave to recommend Lolla Manick Chund the Dewan to the late Rungpore Commifsion, for the Office of Dewan to this Zilla, as a Person, who from a residence of upwards of 20 Years in this part of the Country, pofsefses much local Knowledge of the District. and whose Ab[*ility*] and Inte[*grity*] I believe to be unquestionable, I may therefore venture to recommend him as being in every respect qualified, and hope it will meet with your Confirmation -

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant.

Denagepore
April 16[th] 1787.

[**No. 135**] To. Matthew Dawson Esq[R]

Chief of Muxadabad.

Sir

If upon enquiry into the circumstance alledged in the annexed Petition, the complaint should be justly founded, you will I make no dou[*bt*] [*of*] [. . .] ample redrefs to the Parties, it is unnecefsary to repeat that my mode of action in similar situations is invariably to do my Neighbours Justice-

I am
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Serv[t]

Dinagepore
the 19[th] April 1787.

DINAGEPORE 21st April 1787-

[No. 136] To

GEORGE UDNEY ESQR

Resident at

MALDA

SIR,

At the solicitaion of a number of Riauts inhabitants of Pergunna Ackburabad, I have granted to them in Charge of a Peon a Publication prohibiting any restraint being laid upon their Labours, at the same time directing, that they give the preference of purchase to the Company's Agents provided on their parts, they shall agree to pay the same price, as other purchasers - or the market price-

I am,

SIR,

Copy of Dhurkaust & publication are annexed.-

Your obedient hble fervant

Dinagepore April 24th 1787.

[No. 137] To JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN.

Since the Departure of Jonkeram Sing, the Widow of the late Raja, has kept the present Raja in close confinement, a circumstance much to be lamented, as he began to make considerable improvement under the tuition of his Persian and Bengal Schoolmasters, and no doubt but that all the labour they have taken will be fruitlefs, fhould he not be permitted to receive daily Lefsons, which at present is impracticable, as they inform me their attendance has been prohibited.

I am myself mortified at this circumstance, as I have taken fome pains to initiate him, in the management of the Collections whenever he has honored me with his Visits, and I have observed with pleasure upon those occafsions, he always appeared to receive much fatisfaction and exprefsed his desire to be frequent in the repetition of them,

To the many inquiries after the Raja, the general reply is Indisposition ; but that this is not the case I can vouch from good authority.-

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very obt hble Servt-

Denagepore

April 24th 1787.

[No. 138] To John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William.

Gentlemen

With your permifsion, I mean to avail myself of the opportunity at the close of the Collections, to proceed to the Presidency

I am Gentlemen

Your very obt hble Servt

[No. 139] To John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen.

I have now the honor to transmit a particular account Jumma Wafsil Baakee of the Muffosil Settlement of this District for the Year 1193.- N° 1 contains the particulars of the Jumma and N° 2 the particulars of the Baazee Jumma.

The pleas adduced by the Naibs and Mustajir for a remifsion of the Ballances are grounded upon the promises held out to them at the time they entered into Engagements, declaring they were solicited to take the management upon an unascertained Jumna, and signed their Engagements upon a verbal Afsurance; that all fair claims for remifsion at the close of the Year should be admitted,

The Muffosil charges Collections with Sheo and Dheo crutch or allowances for religious purpos[.] together with the amount which they afsert was included in the Jumma without any visible Afsets to make it good; are the general articles they demand credit in acoount for, alledging that for time immemorial it has been the known and established custom to make these allowances, according to the Pergunnah rates fixed for the two first Articles of Expence; of the truth or otherwise of the latter position, no certain conclusions can be drawn Kifsencaunt Mozundar the efficient Officer who made the Settlement, corroborates in his Deposition copy of which is annexed what the Naibs and Mustajirs have advanced, but of this Fact no right Judgement can be formed. any further than what may be inferred from the fair and favorable appearance of the Crops last Year throughout the whole Country, and which, leaves no room for any credit being given to such general allegations; it may therefore without any injustice to the Parties concerned, be concluded, that the Ballances upon the Mofufsil Settlement have arisen from weak and bad Management at the first outset, and want of ability in the Officers employed in the realization of it.-

With respect to the Persons stiled Huzzoory Izararradars, and against whom Ballances appear, I have taken upon me to keep them in confinement but in this step I know not how far I may ftand indemnified as no regular Cubbooleats or fixed Pottas have been executed but the management of last Year continued in the same charge this, and mostly at a reduced Jumma ; the reasons, the grounds, or the particulars of the remifsions upon repeated search into the Records are not to be found.

I shall now cause a minute investigation to be made into the Muffosil Expenditures, and with the Boards concurrence I will use a discretionary power in rejecting or establishing such Articles as according to circumstances of usage &c^a^ prevalent with respect to the customary allowances for Muffosil charges Collections Sheo and Dheo crutch as may have heretofore obtained

The Naibs &c^a^ from whom Ballances are due will be continued in Confinement.

I have the honor to be

not sent- Your very obedient

humble Servant.

[The letter has been cut through in pencil in the original volume.]

CALCUTTA the 8th May 1787

No. 140] To

WILLIAM COWPER ESQ^R^

Acting President of the Khalsa-

SIR,

It is with some Surprise I find that Jankeeram has not yet reached Presidency, having repeatedly sent Peons to expedite his Arrival but without effect, I apprehend that some collusion must exist between him and the persons in whose charge he is - I therefore request You will be pleased to cause a Dustuck and Peons or such as You may deem necefsary to proceed forthwith to Pattolee the place where he is at present residing, to bring him down without delay - Pattalee is the Spot where his family mansion is erected -

If You should think proper I will expedite the Dustuck You shall please to ifsue upon this occasion, as I have great reason to apprehend that he has created the delay on purpose to be emancipated from my Authority, under which he ought long since to have made over to the Khalsa.-

I am,

Sir &c^a^ &c^a^

DINAGEPORE 11th May 1787

[No. 141] To

SUETONIUS G. HEATLY ESQR

Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut

at

PURNEA -

SIR

In reply to your Letter under date the 27th of last month, I have to inform you the three Witnefses to the Bond, are no where to be found in this District, -

I do myself the pleasure to return the Bond and remain,

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) G. PURLING

Actg Judge

Calcutta 13th May 1787. -

[No. 142] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

There being no Records in the District to which I can appeal in case of necefsity for any information I may require, and understanding that the most material Documents relative to the Revenues &ca are deposited in the Khalsa, and recorded upon the Proceedings of the General Revenue Department, and Board of Revenue, I request I may be permitted to have accefs to them, whenever I may deem it requisite to search for information, and to make such Extracts from them as shall appear necefsary for my Guidance in the management of the charge committed to my care. -

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen &ca

143] To.

John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM.

Gentlemen.

In consequence of permifsion I am arrived at the Presidency.

The annual Accounts being nearly compleated, I think it necefsary prior to laying them before the Board to call their attent[. . .] back to that period when the immediate Superi[.]tendance of the Collections was committed to my charge,-

I informed the Board in my Letter of the 16[th] Nov[r] that I had judged it most advisable upon the late Managers failure, to make the Collections Khaas, but from the nature of the Mofufs[. .] Bundabust formed by Jonkeram Sing, found a literal adherence to this mode impracticable, and only deputed Officers, under the Title of Sezawauls to watch over and guard from misappropriation the Revenue collected by the Naibs; Copy of the Purwannah to the Chowdrys and of Sunnud to the Sezawauls ifsued upon this occafion are annexed. -

In the making of the Collections which would be supposed to have devolved to them, from the term Khaas and Title of Sezawaul, they have had no sort of interference; the entire Management of the Mofufsil Settlement through all its Varieties, together with the realization of it has been continued in the Chowdries and others, under Engagements, of the late Manager, and the Revenue invariably sent up to the Sudder under their Chelans and Signature; so that in fact the Sezawauls deputed by me acted in no other Capacity than merely as Aumeens superintending a Mocaboola Shere and the Purkye of the Mofufsil Amdannee, of the Sudder was in general made by the Podars and the Vakeels appointed by the Naibs for that purpose.

I consider it as a further part of my duty to inform the Board with circumstances that have recently come to my knowledge relative to the Situation of the present Rajas Estate.

Since the Charge of the Adawlut has been committed to my care, I find that exclusive of the large [.] bond Debt incurred by Raja Bidenaut his Predecefsor (and, ftill unliquidated) that loans on Account of Revenue to the Amount of three Lacks and upwards have been made since the Management of the Zemindarry was confided[. . .]nkeram Sing; the principal Claimants are Gunnefs dofs Ruttunchund, Onupchund Juggut Seat and Bannarafsee Gose Dupenerain &c[a] Merchants of Calcutta, Copy of Kistbundees executed by Jonkeram Sing in the name of the present Raja, I informed the Board in my Letter dated in January last, I had received from Onupchund, and [*wh*]ich form[*s*] an Enclosure. -

Hence it is more than presumable that the ostensible punctuality of the payments from the District, for these three Years past, has been preserved by Jonkeram Sing at the expence of the Inheritance entrusted to his Management during the Rajas Minority; for if the rest of the Creditors do not

come forward with their claims, it is as I believe, because they are unwilling to forego the Advantages derived to them from certain profitable Farms they now hold and by which Jonkeram Sing has hitherto, and will if suffered, still continue to purchase their forbearance ; at least I am satisfied that fuch is the Motive that deters fome of these Creditors -

I have the honor to remain

Gentlemen

Calcutta

Your very obedient

May 13th 1787.

humble Servant.

CALCUTTA the 14th May 1787 -

[No. 144] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue. -

Gentln Understanding that the Honble Company's House at Dinagepore advertized for Sale upon my declining to keep it in repair has not been sold - I beg to inform the Board that as I am not likely soon to finish any other habitation I am desirous to occupy it - but as every part of this large Building is fallen into decay , I cannot undertake to keep it in any more repair than what the allowance of House Rent to the Collector will admit of

I am,

Gentlemen &ca

[No. 145] To Richard Johnson Esqr

Accountant General to the Reve Department.

FORT WILLIAM -

Sir

The Allowances I have hitherto been in the receipt of as Collector and Judge, to which latter Appointment I was nominated in December last, were, as Collector per mensem - - - - - - - Sa Rs 1200 as Judge together with the Establishment - 1600. with Fees amounting upon an Average to 250 Rupees P Month,, - but from the 1st of June next ensuing, I am to draw for the Amount fixed upon the late reduced Establishment for Collector and Judge, - the Commifsion as usual.

Calcutta I am

May 29th 1787. Sir

Your very obt hble Servt

o. 146] To.

John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

It having hitherto been at my own private Expence that the Letters have been conveyed from the City of Moorshedabad to Denagepore and the Dawk to Rungpore being recently abolished ; I beg to suggest to the Board the expediency of [*fo*]llowing this Establishment in future to be fixed for the convenience of the stations of Dinagepore and Rungpore, at Denagepore, as being the most centrical and from the Community being considerably [. .]creased since the stationing of the Regiment at Dinagepore, together with the convenience which will arise to the Inhabitants and body of Commercial people residing in those parts, will be of great publick Utility

Calcutta

May 29[th] 1787.

I have the honor to be

Your most ob[t] hble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 30[th] May 1787

o. 147] To

JOSEPH CHAMPION ESQ[R]

SIR, Collector of Silberris—

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 3[d] Ins[t] with the several Accounts and Papers mentioned therein &

I remain,

Sir, &c[a]

(Signed) W[m] HUNTER

Act[g] Coll[r]

DINAGEPORE the 15th June 1787

[No. 148] To

MAJOR JAMES DUNN

Comanding at

Dinagepore

SIR,

Mr Hatch has transmitted the accompanying Letter to me from the Presidency -

I have to request of You to inform the Officer commanding the Detatchment [*sic*]at Silberris that in cases were [*sic*]the Peace is liable to be disturbed by the zemindars, or others inhabitants of Silberris, that he will be pleased to transmit information thereof to the commanding Officer at this Station, and henceforward desist from sending out any Sepoys without positive instructions being sent to him to that effect - The Magistrate will, if necefsary, make the proper requisition for Military Aid, to check or quell, any disturbance which may be apprehended in future.-

I am,

SIR,

Your most Obedt Servant

(Signed) Wm HUNTER

Actg Mage

[No. 149] To John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

Gentlemen.

The Acting President having informed me, with the Boards resolution to confide the Management of the Denagepore Settlement, for the current Year to Ramcaunt Roy the lineal Descendant of Hurnerain and nearest surviving Relation in the line to the present Rajah, it may strengthen the confidence of the Board in the choice they have been pleased to make, to inform them, that Ramcaunt Roy, was ever esteemed by the late Raja Bidenaut as a very able Man in the Management of the Collections, and was fo firmly attached to him, as to attend him to the Banks of the Ganges at the time of his decease from the personal Knowledge of Ramcaunt Roy. I think him fully competent to fulfil whatever Trusts, the Board fhall think fit to commit to his charge, indeed he is the only Person, I could commend to administer the Revenues of Dinage[. . . .]

[*C*]alcutta

June 16th 1787.

I am

Gentlemen

Your obedient hble Servant-

No. 150] To.

John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM -

Gentlemen.

I have been honored with your [*L*]etter of the 22[d] Ultimo together with the enclosure receiv'd the 9[th] Instant,

In consequence of the promulgation [*o*]f the Regulations for Weavers some difficulty [.]nsued to me last Year, in making of the Collections [.]nd I fear will exist this, since it is a point clearly [*a*]scertained, that the Weaver in common with all [*o*]ther native Landholders is, and ever will be averse to pay the just dues of Government. and I [. .]prehend that in a District where a considerable [. . . . . .] of the Inhabitants are Manufacturers, if the 3[d] artic [. .] of the Regulations continue in full force, much delay may be created in getting in the Revenue, and this in proportion to the part of the Manufacturers we have the management of, whether as Kutkennad [. .] Paramanicks or mere Reauts, -

If it were pofsible to give the Landholders in general, Mokurrarree Pottahs or perpetual Leases at a fixed Rent, great benefit migh[.] be looked for, from any ordinance, that fhould be framed for the exprefs purpose of preventing und[. .] exaction, but until the numerous obstacles and fubordin[. . .] causes which originate from or are connived at by [. . .] very Riaut themselves, shall be removed ; the Collec[. . .] will find himself very much embarrafsed, his tim[.] and attention chiefly occupied by appeals and reference which whilst the Manufacturer has a separate channel to apply thro, will be endlefs : for any act or rule which in its operation can afford the native room to protract payment even of a legal Deman[.] I believe it is pretty well known, he never fails to avail himself of, - whereas I fhould suppose, tha[.] a Collector who is in the habit of doing his duty would be much more fpeedy in redrefsing any real grievance upon a representation being made and more free to decide, by a viva voce procefs upon presentment of the Petition to him in the first instance, either in Person or by Vakeel, and a termination take place, in as fummary a manner the nature and circumstance of the Complaint [.]ill, admit, than can ever be the case whilst subject [. .] [.]he cognizance and intervention of a variety of Authority

Since the publication of the late Regulation [. . .]lications from the Manufacturers to the Resident at [.]aulda, some in Person, others thro the Delolls-Peicars [*an*]d native mofufsil Agent, have taken up the attention [. .] us both. in fome cases the Manufacturer has [. .]n aggrieved, but in all, an attempt to withold [*p*]ayment, whilst the Suit in its various progresfive [*s*]teps has been pending is almost without exception, [*an*]d a Kutkennadar or the collecting Officer will invari[*a*]bly seize upon the pleas to-procrastinate their [*p*]ayments, and will now find it more easy to unite with the Weaver, in collusively defrauding the Gover[*n*]ment, or the Zemindars of their just dues, indeed [.] much fear that the native employed in the provifion [*o*]f the

Investment may find it their Interest to [. . .]ate and fupport defsentions between the manufacturers [*a*]nd the native collecting Officers, without a pofsibility [*o*]f detection.

I have the honor to be

Calcutta

Gentlemen

June 20th 1787.

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 3d July 1787.

[No. 151] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

In reply to the Secretary's Letter of the 5th of June I have the honor to inform You that the Balce in my Tr[*eas*]ury on the 30th of April was detain'd to defray in part of the Expences of this Establishment

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen &ca

DINAGEPORE the 6th July 1787.

[No. 152] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM.

Gentlemen,

I have concluded the Settlement of Pergunna Havillee Penjerah for the Current Year with the Zemindar Raja Radanaut, and the Engagements are executed by Ramcaunt Roy, who has undertaken the Management upon the conditions and limitations prescribed in the Board's Letter of the 19th June—

The Tahud, Cubbooleat, Kiftbundee and Mochulka shall be transmitted as soon as the remaining part of the Settlement of this District is compleated.-

I have the Honor to be -

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 10th July 1787

No. 153] To JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

I have received your Letter of the 12th of June accompanying Copy of the 22d Paragraph from the Honble the Court of Directors and desiring I will transmit the information and Samples therein required Vizt - Specimens of every Specie of Silver and Copper Coinage current in Bengal with a concise History of each particularly specifying where coined- by whom, Weight, fineneſs, real and nominal Value, quantity supposed to be coined annually and as far as ascertainable what quantity are supposed to be in circulation, and how far such quantities are proportioned to the general wants -

The Rupees (of which samples now accompany) are the Currency of this District, and are denominated Sonwaut, Azeemabaddee or Patnye and French- The Sonwaut Rupee falls in its value and loses it's criginal Name of Sicca, after a certain Number of Years have elapsed and which the Title of Sonwaat implies - This rupee was of the Coinage of Moorshedabad

The Azeemabadee or Patnye Rupee is of the same Weig[..] and fineneſs with the Sicca but of leſs current Value —— This Rupee bears upon the face of it the Title under which it circulates and is of the Coinage of Azeemabad, or Patna -

The French Rupee is 2½ Rutty leſs in weight than the Sicca, or Azeemabaddee, but as far as I can judge is some what superior to them in fineneſs and is of foreign import -

They all vary and lose alike in current value, from deficiency in Weight, & defect in shape, and appearance and alloy, in proportion to the degree of the deficiency, or the defect, or of both - The first point is ascertainable upon a fixed principle, - The latter is enveloped in Mystery and only to be revealed by the interposition of Shroffs, all of whom differ in the rate to be fixed for the loſs upon the rupee according to the judgements they form upon it - and their Decision is arbitrary and final

The annual Revenue received from the District is the only standard by which any conclusion with respect to the quantity of each Specie in circulation can be drawn. The proportion paid to the Zemindar as Revenue is nearly 2/3 as Sunwaut and of the remaining 1/3d, 3/4ths French & 1/4 Azeemabaddee in forming of a more accurate Judgement of the actual quantity of the three species in circulation throughout the District Allowance must be made for the exchange or Shorffage carried on in the Mufosil - The Quantities in circulation of each specie, are apparently proportioned to answer every emergency,—

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen &ca

The samples are packed in

Three parcels containing 10 Rupees of each aſsortment

DINAGEPORE the 10th July 1787.

[No. 154] To

CHARLES COCKERELL ESQR

Post Master General

SIR,

I am favored with your Letter of the 27th of June and enclose a List of the Stages with the Expence of each, as now paid by me for the conveying of the Letters daily to and from Dinagepore from Moorshedabad. - I have also annexed a similar List for conveying Letters to and from Baulia from Moydapore, and to and from Rungpore to this Station -

With respect to the Stages as they are inserted in N° 1 an alteration or rather reduction may be made of one Stage between Moidapore and Mincoot. ——

No Chokies are established direct from this to Raugemahl and it would be a work of some Time, to fix upon the distances as at present the Country to the Southwest of this District is covered with water. -

The Gaut of Belgutta, or lower down towards Baulea will be the proper Stage for the Baulea Dawk to be sent from - a Mohrir of course must be stationed there to dispatch and receive the Baulea Packets From Dinagepore to Rungpore are three Chokies the expence of each is stated in N° 2 -

I am,

Sir,

Your very obedt humble Servant -

[No. 155] LIST of Stages from Dinagepore to Moidapore with the monthly Charge for each Chokee ———

DINAGEPORE		
1 Moonshee	30 - -	
2 Daharas	5 - 8 -	
1 Mofsoljee	2 - 8 -	38 - -
SURMUNGLA 5 Cofs		
2 Daharas	5 - 8 -	
1 Mofsoljee	2 - 8 -	8 - -
FOOLBARRY - 5 Cofs		
as above		8 - -
DOURGUNJE 5 Cofs		
Ditto		8 - -
Nichanpore 5 Cofs		
Ditto		8 - -
Carried Over ...		70 - -

		Brought Over ...	70 - -
Poorsa 5 Cofs			
2 Dahoras -		5 - 8 -	
1 Mofsoljee		2 - 8 -	8 - -
Sereecandra Ditto			8 - -
Gomastapore Ditto			8 - -
Chappye Ditto			8 - -
Belgutta Ditto			8 - -
Godagarry Ditto			8 - -
Meencoot Ditto			8 - -
Bomonea Ditto			- -
2 Dahoras	at 4 ea	8 - -	
1 Mofsoljee		3 - -	11 - -
Moidapore 5 Cofs			
2 Dahoras	at 4 ea	8 - -	
1 Mofsoljee		3 - -	
1 Moonshee		15 - -	25 - 8 - [sic]

If it should be necefsary to make up & dispatch the Letters from Moydapore . . . 1.62 - 8 -

ABSTRACT.

Moydapore to Dinagepore	162 - 8 -
Godagarry to Baulea	24 - -
Dinagepore to Rungpore-	32 - -
Oil P month	8 - -
2 Godarra Boats at Mincoot	25 - -
Paper &c^a^	1 - -
Wax Cloth	1 - 8 -
Total P mo S^a^ r^s^	254 - -

Exclusive of the above, a contingency during the rainy Season for Dingees to crofs the Jeels will be incurred of about 20 or 30 r^s^ -

[No. 156] CHARGES of a Crofs Stage from Godagarry to Baulea -

Godagarry		
1 Mohrir		6 - -
Comerpore 5 Cofs		
2 Dahoras . at 3 ea . .	6 - -	
1 Mofsoljee	3 - -	
		9 - -
Baulea 5 Cofs		
2 Dahoras . at 3 ea . .	6 - -	
1 Mofsoljee . . .	3 - -	
		9 - -
	Rupees	24 - -

[No. 157] CHARGES of a Crofs Stage from Dinagepore to Rungpore

Dinagepore		
2 Dahoras . . at 2-12- ea.	5,,- 8 -	
1 Mofsoljee . . .	2 - 8 -	
		8 - -
Munglabarry 5 Cofs		
As above		8 - -
Buddergunje 5 Cofs		
As above		8 - -
Rungpore. 5 Cofs		
As above		8 - -
	Rupees .	32 - -

DINAGEPORE the 12th July 1787 -

[No. 158] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of

MOORSHEDABAD -

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th June last accompanying such abstracts from the Records of the late Mofufsil Dewannee Adawlut at Nattore as relate to Causes within my District together with their original Persian and Bengal Papers -

I am,
Sir
&ca

DINAGEPORE the 15th July 1787.

[No. 159] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue. -

FORT WILLIAM -

GENTLEMEN,

The last paragraph of your Letter under Date the 24th of April directs me to transmit an Abstract Statement of the Establishment of the Zemindarry Charges hitherto allowed, and to call on the Zemindar to state the Names and Duties of the several Officers employed by him, and to transmit the List and Answer delivered by him, with Translations accompanied by such proposed Establishment as I shall deem sufficient for each -

In conformity thereto, I have called upon the Manager, and transmit the Account he has delivered in, in English, and Persian together with a statement of such Officers as I conceive necefsary to be entertained for the purpose of keeping up the Zemindarry Serishta -

The Manager tells me he has not inserted any Names in the List he has delivered in, because he is clear, that those said to be in employ, are for the most part new Incumbents, recently introduced, in lieu of the dependants and old Officers, of the late Raja, who either from disgust or necefsity have relinquished the service -

When the Board shall have been pleased to confirm the proposed Establishment the Manager will restore and nominate Persons to fill the several Officers and deliver in a List of their Names to be hereafter transmitted. -

The Establishment of Burgundofses annual charge Sa rs 8, 439-3- These are the Mufufsil Tyenaâts.- Are regularly kept up for the protection of the Frontier Pergunnas, and are stationed at the different Cutcherries and act under the Zemindar as a guard to the Revenue in the Mofufsil, - and in preserving the Peace under his Authority as Zemindar -

The pension to Meer Mahmud Hufsains of Sa rs 337-8- P Annum is regularly paid to'the Wife and Children of Meer Mahmud Hufsein deceased and confirmed to them by Perwana from the Khalsa ifsued two years since -

The Birt Sa rr 7717-15- The Bramins are in Pofsefsion of Sunnuds for, confirmed by the Committee of Circuit and renewed to them under the signature of former Collectors - they produce these Sunnuds annually at the period this Charity is distributed -

Poonea Charges Sa rs 100

I conclude some mistake from the insertion in the Account of Charges Zemindarry trasmitted in the Board's Letter as appertaining to Dinagepore-under the Head of Jehangueepore of Sa rs 4,000 P Annum or Sa rs 333-5-6-3 P Mensem as that Pergunna is not annexed to this District -

I request the Board will admit in addition to the Native Establishment proposed for the Collector, of a Peishcar being allowed, at a Salary of 100 r^s P mensem to afsist the Dewan in arranging of the Records, which from the enquiries I am instructed to make by the Regulations will require unremitted Attention to collect exclusive of the daily Duty.

Enclosures in English & Persian

N° 1 Translate of the List delivered in by the Zemindar of Dinagepore -
2 Establishment proposed by the Collector
3 Abstract of Akrajaât or Charges Zemindarry.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 17th July 1787.

[No. 160] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue-

Gentlemen,

The Poonea of this District is to be held on the 6th of Sawun or the 19th Instant

The Reason for it's being so long delayed is from the very uncommon inclemency of the Weather the District being in an actual state of inundation and the Rain continuing to fall every day, so that the Mofufsil Settlement is very much retarded from the Aumla not being able to reach their several destinations and if the Weather should not clear up and the Water subside, the Lofs of the first Crop is very much to be apprehended—The Officers from Silberris are not all arrived, notwithstanding I dispatched Boats with Tullubs to summon them to the sudder the day of my arrival here in order to make as speedy a conclusion of the Settlement as pofsible.-

No exertion in my power shall be remitted, to guard against the effects which may be apprehended from so very unfavorable a Season- The Crop may be retrieved, if the violence of the weather should abate, but the lofs of Cattle from a dearth of fodder, and want of place of safety, is, the most felt by the Ryauts and in the present Calamity the most to be lamented.-

I request the Board will grant me permifsion to station the Sepoys which they have been pleased to direct in their Letter of the 11th of May – to continue at Silberris, in such parts of the Country as I may deem most

necefsary to protect at present a compleat Company at Silberris is of little use and will be lefs so, in proportion to the progrefs of introducing the Mofufsil Tannas for the preservation of the Peace in those parts, which the Zemindars of Pergunna Silberris apparently have hitherto neglected – When the Rains break up I should wish to dispose of the whole, or a Detachment from it, for the Duty of patroling those parts of the District most open to the incursions of the Fakeers.-

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen, &c[a]-

DINAGEPORE the 17[th] July 1787.

No. 161] To

W[M] COWPER ESQ[R]

Acting President of the Khalsa-

FORT WILLIAM.

Sir,

In consequence of the management of the Revenues of Pergunna Havillee Pinjeera being transferred to Ramcaunt Roy- He has thought proper to authorize the Bearer Murchund Gose as Vakeel in place of Suddanund Sircar the late Vakeel, to officiate at the Sudder, and is authorized by Vakeelatnama to act in that Capacity on the part of the Zemindarry.

I am,

Sir, &c[a]—

DINAGEPORE the 23[d] July 1787-

No. 162] To John Shore Esq[r] Pres[t] &c[a] Members of the B[d] of Rev[e]

Gentlemen,

I enclose copy of a Durkhaust with Translate delivered in by Chundernarain Naib of Roder caunt Zemindar of Pergunna Chowgong together with extract of my proceedings relative to the settlement of this Purgunnah.

The Naib refuses to engage for the settlement upon any Terms, and I see no alternative but making of the Collection Khaas.

In the interim of waiting for the Board's intructions I shall depute an aumeen to hold in attachment whatever Revenue may be collected.-

I am Gentlemen &c[a]

Dinagepore the 26[th] July 1787

[No. 163] To M[R] CHRISTIE

SIR,

I enclose two Petitions presented by Mahomed Hufsien Zemindar of Kismut Pergunna Barbuckpore, and of Cofsinaut Roy Zemindar of Pergunna Barbuckpore and request your attention to the Contents – at any time – when your People elope, if you will send me the particulars I will always do my best to afford your afsistance-

I am Sir

Your Obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 26[th] July 1787-

[No. 164] To M[R] CHRISTIE

Sir

I have ordered Gopee Sircar to be made over to the Phousdar, but I must request, of you in future not to send any persons under a Guard in the Habit of Sepoys to me – it is contrary to the exprefs order of Government for individuals to entertain Servants in Sepoys cloathing and as I am recently strictly enjoned [*sic*]to apprehend all persons wearing sepoys Drefses ; I desire that you will conform to the regulations of Government in this Point and that, immediately in the event of your own personal security being endangered, if you will please to apply to me as Magistrate of the District I will take the necefsary measures to grant that Protection which the circumstances of the case may require.

I am Sir

Your very obedient humble servant

o. 165] To

John Shore Esq^r

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I have now the honor to reply to the Petition received under cover of your Letter of the 6^th Instant. and each separate charge together with my reply have stated in regular order

1^st That in the Year 1193 M^r Hatch was appointed Collector of the said Zemindarry who on entering his said Office took from your Petitioner Coobooleat for the sum

S^a R^s
of 14,60444. 12. 12. 2. the whole sum stipulated by the said Sunnud; and at the fame time informed your Petitioner that your Board would not allow the Moshaira, or ftipend to the said Raja for the then Year.

This proves that the Terms upon which Jonkeram Sing was to engage to Government for the Revenues for that Year, were fully explained to him, prior to his signing the Engagements.

2^d That your Petitioner represented to M^r Hatch the particular terms and nature of the said Sunnud, requesting him at the fame time to receive and forward a Petition from your Petitioner to your Board in this particular, which M^r Hatch refused to do.

Jonkeram Sing did not desire of me to forward any Petition to the Board; at the time of executing his Engagements he exprefsed his hope that I would recommend the restoration of the Moshaira.- and to which I gave no sort of encouragement.-

3^d That your Petitioner after the Poona informed the said M^r Hatch that the Kists for the current months should be regularly paid by Drafts from the House of Sumbonaut and Gonafs dofs Bankers on their Agents in Calçutta in favor of your Board the manner your Petitioner had been accustomed to transmit his said Revenue, but this was objected to by M^r Hatch who proposed. (as a matter to be privately agreed on and understood) that the Collections should in future be paid into his hands (instead of the accustomed Bankers) in the specie in which the same had been collected and the said M^r Hatch at the same

Jonkeram Sing did not propose, that the Kists for the current Month fhould be regularly paid in Calcutta, by Drafts from the House of Sumboo naut & Gunneeshdofs Bankers in favor of your Board. for, from the first, I told him that the Revenues were to be remitted to the City of Moorshedabad. I certainly did recommend to Jonkeram Sing to pay the Collections into my Treasury but not as a matter "privately agreed on and understood," but for reasons which will appear as part of my reply to the 4^th charge. - Jonkeram Sing might most probably have drawn from me a declaration, that I would

time promised to afsist your Petitioner with such Sums of Money as he should from time to time want to make up the Kists to Government for which your Petitioner was to give his Bond in the name of some Person nominated by the said Mr Hatch.

4th That your Petitioner did accordingly by the 25th of Afsin pay up the several Kists to the month of Bhadun, in which Period three several sums were advanced your Petitioner by the said Mr Hatch the payment of which was fecured by Bonds to one Onupchund and Juggunaut and on which 25th of Afsin a Ballance of 2,1000 appeared due from your Petitioner to the said Mr Hatch.

That your Petitioners inducements for borrowing such money were not only for the purpose of a punctual discharge of the Revenue, but more particularly to moderate and soften the nature of the Collections from the Riauts and render their payments easy and convenient to them, this is necefsary as it is frequently done.

afsist him in facilitating his Collections, but I am sure I never promised to lend him money upon Bond or even uttered any words, which could bear that construction.

In reply to this Charge it will be necefsary to relate the circumstances which occurred at the commencement of the Settlement - at the period when I prefsed Jonkeram Sing to hold the Poonea, and after repeated written and verbal mefsages to effect this point, he waited upon me and told me that until the Banker who was gone to Rungpore should return, he could not hold the Poonea, as he was not prepared ; fome few days before the Poonea was held Onupchund the Gomastah of Gunneefsdofs Ruttunchund Banker of Muxadavad informed me that Jonkeram Sing had applied to him to transact the Businefs of paying of his Kists. that he as well as his Principals had a very considerable Ballance due from the Zemindarry upon former transactions with Jonkeram Sing, and that he could no longer venture to carry his businefs on, without he would engage to pay his Kists thro' me.- the next time Jonkeram Sing waited upon me, I told him this circumstance, he then admitted of the propriety of it. (and this conversation I imagine is what he alludes to in his 3d art: of charges "as a matter privately agreed on and understood," from the commencement of the payments of the Poonea Kist, to the date of Onupchunds Hundee being returned protested (Enclosure No 1 Mr Dawsons Letter) Onupchund or a Mohrer on his part attended at the Treasury and

received the Collections as they came in, from the Zemindars Cutcherry, the Money was invariably counted, and paid to Onupchund or his Agent by the Person and Podars deputed along with it, by Jonkeram Sing, The Hundees were returned protested the 18th of Sawaun ; upon the notification of this circumstance to Jonkeram Sing he visibly disclosed great distrefs, the Agents of Juggut Seat and Radakifsen Saw, Bankers of Muxadavad, were the only Shroffs established here who could afford him relief the former had long since declined all concerns with Jonkeram Sing, and the latter but recently established at Dinagepore, he most urgently entreated me to preserve him from losing his Management, and after Juggut Seats Agent had declined, I fent for Gunneash dofs the Gomastah of Radakifsen & Jaggernaut Saw Bankers who agreed to exchange the Hundee by granting one upon his House at Muxadavad (Enclosure N° 2 Copy of my Letter to Mr Dawson) the terms the Shroff undertook to remit upon was 2 P Cent premium upon the Kist, and was agreed to by Jonkeram Sing without murmur,

5th That the said Mr Hatch with a manifest View of throwing your Petitioner in arrears withdrew his promise of further loans and instead of waiting till the 17th of Cautick for the due discharge of the Afsin Kist he dispofsefsed your Petitioner on the 13th from the said Collections and appointed his own Officers thereto which was four days previous to the usual time allowed for payment of the preceding months Kist, whatever money Mr Hatch collected from the 13th to the end of Cartick he carried to the account of your Petitioner as if collected by

I never made any profefsions to Jonkeram Sing of lending money nor did I take the immediate Superintendance of the Collections under my care till the 2d of Aughun, Jonkeram Sing evidently misrepresents the Facts The Management was not taken from him till the 2d of Aughaun- (enclosure N° 3 extract of Collr Letter to the Board dated 22d Novr 1786) the 13th of Cartick Peons were placed over him for the Afsin Kist for the payment of which he had made no provision, and it was at this crisis he wanted to overreach the Banker by procurring a Hundee

him, so that your Petitioners pofsefsion might appear perfect to the end of that month and himself he enabled also to discharge his said Debt of 21,000 Rupees therefrom.

for the whole Kist in advance before he had lequidated the Balance remaining due from him upon the Bhadun Kist. The Collections from the Poonea to the end of Cartick, did continue under the Management and sole controul of the Officers of Jonkeram Sing as will appear by the (Enclosure N° 4 Wuzsool account with translate delivered under the signature of Jonkeram Sings Agent at the period the Collector took the Superintendance of the Collections into his own hands) Jonkeram Sing had secluded himself prior to the 13th of Cartick from all communication, but his officers continued in full charge, and without controul, till the 2d of Aughuen, I obliged them to attend at my Cutcherry as preparatory to enable me to carry into execution with facility, such orders as the Board might think proper to ifsue in consequence of my Letter to ye Board of the 30th of October or 17th of Cartick–

6th That the said Mr Hatch by an overcharge of Exchange compared with the market price of Exchange acquired a profit of 48, 193 in the Collection of the whole Years Revenue for the said Year.

The Revenues were received throughout the Year as well during the Management of Jonkeram Sing, as subsequently at the Khalsa Rates of Batta and according to a List of the Khalsa Rates delivered in under the Signature of Jonkeram Sing, Shomar Nevees, and is the mode, which has obtained for time immemorial, and the counting and packeying of the Rupees at the above Rates during the time Jonkeram Sing was in the Management, was performed by the Podars of Jonkeram Sing in presence of his own Agent, who invariably signed the Account; as to the acquired profit alledged, it is notorious that the Market price of Exchange here is always more nominal than real, for throughout the Year few or any Sicca Rupees are to be

7th That the said Mr Hatch also made a further charge of 2 P Cent upon your Petitioner during that part of the faid year your Petitioner continued his Collections for remitting the faid Collections amounting in the whole to the sum of 12,577 Rupees exclusive of what the said Mr Hatch charged the Government: for such remittances which will appear by the Accounts transmitted to your Board.

8th That the said Mr Hatch during his said Years Collections imposed several new taxes (such as Bazentory Mulrovey and toomarsalamy on the Inhabitants of the said Zemindarry dividing the said Zemindarry into different Divisions and sending his own Servants and Dependants (particularly one Gongaram Bearer, and Bolaram Sein and Berjoo soonder employed under the said Gongaram to collect the said Taxes which amounted in the whole to the Sum of 25000 Rupees or thereabouts 3,000 Rs of which and that only as your Petitioner verily believes has been credited to Government, in the Account transmitted for the Month of Phaugun, and will more fully appear thereby, that many of the Riauts of the said Zemindarry fled therefrom on account of this unprecedented Collection which will also fully appear from the present Years Statement.

purchased, and the specie in which the Revenues are paid, is transported to Muxadavad, at the risk of the Banker who remits the Revenue

I never made any such charge to Jonkeram Sing the usual exchange between Dinagepore, Muxadavad, and the Presidency, was stipulated for by the Shroff to be paid upon all Bills he might grant for the Revenue.

The Comar Mehal &ca I took under my immediate Superintendance not only on account of its having been a secret Collection, but for the more easy remedying of those Evils which daily presented themselves, the licentiousnefs which upon my arrival prevailed all over the District from the unlimited toleration of the sale of Spirituous Liquors and gambling houses &ca required a speedy and effectual check. Frays were happening continually and there was scarcely a common Haat exempt from these nuisances, I therefore placed the Superintendance of these Mehals, under the charge of a Person I could repose some confidence in and whose Character for fidelity stands unimpeached, I could have abolished them altogether, but I found upon enquiry, that it never could be effectually done, until the particular Articles of which they were composed should have been previously ascertained, and If I had done them away as I intended, I question whether Jonkeram Sing would not have impeached me-and with as little truth upon the same principle as he has

the Derogah; with having diminished the resources for paying up the Revenues by 25,000 Rupees. To establish this charge in all its force, against the Derogah and his Agents, Jonkeram Sing or some of his Dependants may probably claim the Office of making the Mufufsil Waasla The Accounts of the Derogah have been examined and the amount collected has been paid in as Revenue, I do not believe a single Riaut has fled on account of my taking upon Me the superintendance of & appropriated to publick Account a Collection, which heretofore proved pernicious, in proportion to the degree of secrecy under which it was carried on. (Enclosure N° 5) Copy & translate of Sunnud to Gungaram dofs the Darogah and copy of my Proceedings (enclosure N° 6) upon a recent transaction which casually came before Me, proves beyond a shadow of doubt, that the Comar Mehal is not of my creating—

9th That the said Mr Hatch (thro his Pushcar Manick chund) under the apperance and pretence of advancing Money to different Renters particularly to Doorgaram Chucklawdar Sobaram Buxey Ramchunder Hore and Satoo Mozunder received a P Centage of 4 Rupees inclusive of Interest on such pretended Loan amounting in the whole to a Sum of 10,000 Rs or thereabouts in the course of the said Year.

The Reply to this charge is contained in the Enclosure N° 7 under the signature of Manick chund and I fhall add that Manick Chund has not acted in the Capacity of an officer under me, From the general respect he is look'd up to by all ranks of the natives in this District, as well as in those adjacent and the estimation he has ever been held in by all the European Gentlemen who have resided in these parts, as well as from the general Knowledge he has acquired of the Country and Revenues from his long residence in the Neighborhood, has, (I confefs with pleasure,) let me into the habit of having frequent communication with him, and upon matters relative to the Revenues, am much beholden to him for his Advice -

10th That Manickchund and the other Sudder Aumlahs of the said Mr Hatch exacted and received from the Chucklawdars, Naibs, and Farmers, of the faid Zemindarry a Sum of 20,000 Rs or thereabouts, in the course of the faid Year.

A refutation of the part of this charge which relates to Manickchund is contained in the foregoing Enclosure No 7 with respect to the Aumlah, the charge is too general to make any specific reply, as far as my vigilance could be exerted I carefully watched over them and have repeatedly in open Cutcherry denounced the most exemplary punishment as the inevitable result of their being detected in making exactions, The Naibs Mustagers, and others paying to the Sudder, I have frequently interrogated upon this Head, but no charges of peculation in the Officers have ever come to my Ear, the Extract of my Proceedings (which forms the Enclosure No 8) upon making over to Ramcaunt Roy the Officers of the Zemindarry Serishta together with the Naibs and Mustagers who owed Ballances upon their Engagements does not indicate, that any Embezzlement of such Magnitude as Jonkeram states, has ever been practised.

11th That several officers also belonging to the Mofufsil received by similar undue means of the Naibs and Riauts of the said Zemindarry to the Amot of 25,000 Rs thereabouts

That the several Articles and sums before stated and charged to have been improperly taken and received, amount to the Sum 5,37,770 Rs or thereabouts It is in your justice and equity that your Petitioner relies and hopes for relief —

This Charge is ftill more desultory. and general, than the former, and I believe with as little foundation.

12th That some time in the Month of Poos last, Sadanund Naib of the said Zemindarry made a representation to your Board stating in chief that the said Mr Hatch had dispofsefsed your Petitioner from the said Zemindary on Account of a Ballance then due whereupon your

The first part of this charge is grounded upon false premises, the Boards Letter of the 29th Decr did not reach me till the 12th of January, on which very day I sent for Roodnerain the Zemindarry Vakeel imparted to him the contents, and directed him to go to Jonkeram Sing

Board was pleased to ifsue an Order to the said Mr Hatch to reinstate your Petitioner in the pofsefsion thereof, in case the said Ballance was paid up either in Money or by Bills of Exchange,- that tho' the said Mr Hatch must have received the said order on or about the 22d of the Month of Poofs (as the fame ifsued from your Board on the 17th) yet he did not disclose or make known the contents of such Order to your Petitioner ; but your Petitioner having been apprized thereof from Suddanund the Naib, who was then at Calcutta, your Petitioner on the 5th day of Maug informed the said Mr Hatch through Roodoonerain Mozundur, (and obtaining no Answer from that Channel again thro' Gongaram Bearer) that one Gonafs dofs and Sumboonaut Bankers were ready and willing to enter into a written Undertaking thereby engaging that after your Petitioner had been five days in the pofsefsion of the said Zemindarry, they would give the said Mr Hatch a Draft on their House in Calcutta for the amount of the Ballance then due from your Petitioner and that in case the said Mr Hatch disapproved of receiving such Drafts from such Agents of the said Bankers that the principal Proprietor Ruttunchund Baboo was then at Dinagepore, who would enter into a similar Engagement on your Petitioners behalf.-

and inform him with the Boards directions, and in consequence of which Onupchund the Gomastah of Gunneesh dofs the Banker called upon me to know what the terms were upon which Jonkeram Sing was to be restored and made the offer as stated in the charge ; the reason for my declining to accept it was, that a Bill drawn by Oonupchund on the House of Gunnesh dofs had already been protested The Boards orders on this Head Extract N° 9 : and I had recently received from both Gunneesh dofs and Ruttun chund Letters prohibiting me in the most marked terms from receiving any Hundee that might be tendered by their Gomastah Oonupchund. Copy of my letter to the Board dated 12th [. . . .] together with the copies of Letters & Translates therein alluded to from the Enclosure N 10 The Boards Letter dated the 29th Decr exprefsly directs that "Jonkeram Sing shall pay up "the whole of the Ballance due "either in Cash or in Bankers "Drafts granted by creditable "Houses in Dinagepore upon respon-"sible Houses in Moorshedabad or "Calcutta" which Directions do not imply that Jonkeram Sing was to be reinstated in the Management of the Collections previous to his having complied with the terms exprefsed in the Boards Letter, nor did Ruttunchund Baboo who was then at Dinagepore make any tender whatever

13th That the said Mr Hatch at length refused both proposals, and continued the Collections in Cofs as before

No Proposals were made that could be acceeded to,

14th That your Petitioner is of course a Stranger to the reasons afsigned by the said Mr Hatch to your Board for refusing to accept

No Reasons were necefsary to be afsigned, as no regular proposal or Tender was ever made-

such Drafts and obey such Orders but the truth or falsehood of your Petitioner in this particular may be easily ascertained by your Board not only by the examination of the Agents of the said Gonesh dofs, both at Dinagepore and in Calcutta but also by the private correspondence that past between the two houses on that occafion at the moment. If, on the other hand the faid M[r] Hatch (in justice to your Petitioner) had accepted fuch Drafts there would have been no further pretence for urging the Existence of such Balance or charging your Petitioner with ftanding in the arrear thereof, the cause of your Petitioners Dispofsefsion would have ceased, he would have been consequently released from confinement which had then existed upwards of two Months, and reinstated in his Office in the faid Zemindarry.

15[th] M[r] Hatch has represented to your Board that your Petitioner had expended, 1,13,000 Rupees out of the publick Revenue such charge requires and will receive a full explanation from the Account hereunto annexed, a Copy of which was delivered by your Petitioner to the Roy Royan which your Petitioner requests your Board to peruse and thereon judge-

The expenditure of the Ballance is altogether unauthorized for Jonkeram Sing had repeatedly declared the extensive afsets were insufficient to pay the full amount of his Engagements without the Moshaira was restored, he therefore ought not to have alienated any part of those which came into his Hands, until his agreement had been completed and should not have subscribed to engagements in the first instance without having previously ascertained the means by which they were to be fulfilled.

16[th] That from the Month of Augun to the 19[th] Choite a period of near five Months your Petitioner was confined in the outer and publick Quarter of his House during which time he was neither suffered to enter the inner Apartments, or to

Jonkeram Sing was under Restraint in his own House, and of course the Officers who were ftationed with him would look to their charge.

fee the Rajah or the Ranny his Mother.—

17th That at length your Petitioner was sent down to Calcutta where he has also been continued in Confinement under the Custody of 10 Peons and a Merdah near two Months,

Jonkeram Sing was sent to the Presidency in consequence of non-compliance with the Perwannah received in the Board's Letter, of the 13th—copy of which forms enclosure N° 11.)

18th That since your Petitioners confinement the said Mr Hatch suspended the Naibs Managers and Servants of the said Rajah from their Officers which were filled up and executed by Sezawauls appointed by Mr Hatch and the said Managers and Servants of the said Rajah were not only compelled to give Forkuttys or releases to the said Manickchund but were with all severity beat for fhewing a reluctance to execute the fame -

The Naibs & Managers were not suspended from their Offices, and the Sezawauls were appointed merely to keep a Mocaboola Sherista-(Enclosure N° 12 Extract of my Letter to ye Board with the enclosures, explanatory of the duties which the Sezawauls were appointed to perform ; to the latter part of this charge the enclosure N° 7.- contains Manickchunds reply

19th That on your Petitioner being dispofsefsed of his faid office, the said Mr Hatch not only removed all the Aumlahs but also all the Mohurrys or Writers belonging to the said Zemindarry who had been accustomed for regularity sake to take the accounts of the Collections, many of the Household Servants also of the late Rajah who had been in his life time discharged their said Employments were reinstated (particularly Nahaul Chund, Ramcaunt and Neloo.) Sunnuds were also granted them for such offices and that without the least approbation or consent of the Rannee, tho Mr Hatch was Master of the Collections, yet, he could have no businefs or concern in the private affairs of the Rajah and his Family.

You Gentlemen will in your goodnefs consider and judge of this.

When the immediate Charge of the Collections devolved to me, I became responsible for the Management, and of course employed such Persons only in whom I could repose Confidence Nealchund Roy, Ramcaunt Roy, and Neeloo Buxey, the two former very near Relations of the late Raja Bidinaut. I directed by Perwannah to attend to the young Rajahs Household, and this I did not do, till I found that the Defendants of Jonkeram Sing were endeavouring to throw every thing into Confusion, the Servants of the Nahbut Canna had been without their pay for many months the Cattle of the late Raja were starving. The House the young Raja lived in falling above his Ears and the Rannee refused receiving any allowance short of the Moshaira. Copy's of the Perwannahs ifsued to Nealchund roy Ramcaunt roy & Neelloo Buxey together with Translation form enclosure N° 13——

20th That the said Mr Hatch having lately built a dwelling house at Phaupore carried away and applied to his own use, several Lacks of Bricks belonging to the Rannee, which were designed for building a Pagoda to receive an Idol, that the said Mr Hatch at the same time also pulled down and carried away a large and expensive Building of the fame kind at Ramnagur which he also applied to the same Occasion together with several Saul Timbers that the Raja had purchased on his own Account the Rajas milch Cows also, and Buffaloes to a very considerable amount and several other articles which were from time to time, provided by the Inhabitants for the use of the said Rajah were also stopped and taken away and kept by Mr Hatch and his Servants by his order, of all this the said Rajah made frequent and repeated personal Complaints to Mr Hatch who totally disregarded them, adding Injury, to Injustice.-

You Gentlemen as Masters of this Country have confirmed the Raja in the Inheritance of his Zemindarry, several Gentlemen have preceded Mr Hatch at Dinagepore in different appointments, but your Petitioner can declare as well as on the behalf of the Rajah and his Mother as himself, that they never before experienced Injurys in any degree equal to those 'they have felt and been driven to bear and sustain from Mr Match

Many of those wrongs your Petitioner has omitted considering them (when compared with those he has

The Bricks which I began my House with were collected from the Ruins of an old Godown formerly the property of a Mr Cuthbert who died many Years since the expensive Building at Ramsagur is the remaining ruin of what many years past was a small Building and of its being in the state I represent, every Gentleman at this place can vouch, the People who I paid to fetch rubbish for the purpose of making Soorky did bring some Bullocks Loads away and were charged with taking part of some Bricks which lay upon the Road side contiguous to the Camp, but upon Notice being brought to me, of this circumstance, I immediately caused them to desist; and the Bricks which I have thus made use of, have been brought at my cost from the remains of old Ruins from which it has been customary for all the European Gentlemen who have hitherto resided at Dinagepore to bring them; Nulloo Buxey the Person whose particular office is to attend on the part of the Raja to furnish the Europeans resident at Dinagepore with such articles as are not to be procured upon the spot directed the People employed where to bring them from.- the Quantity fo brought must have been very trifling, and it is a fact known to all the Inhabitants of Dinagepore that the House I have erected has been chiefly built from the Bricks burnt at my own expence and for which purpose I made upwards of 8 Lacks.- eighteen Saul Timbers Jonkeram Sing, upon my arrival consented to let me have the use of, until those I had sent for from Purnea fhould arrive; since the arrival of my Timbers six have been delivered over and used in reparing of the Rajas house, and the

enumerated) too small to lay before or employ the time of your Board upon, they are too much for the compafs of a Petition but they call aloud for inquiry and the Event must be relief to the opprefsed- Your Petitioner rests every hopes upon, and bows with patience to your justice.

That your Petitioner antecident to his confinement had been endeavouring to borrow Money to pay the Ballance demanded, that was your Petitioners full intention in the first place to have discharged such Ballance and then to have made an humble application to your Board for the Allowance of the said Rajas Moshaira-

That he had in fact succeeded in procuring the means for the discharge of such ballance in the manner before stated, but that did not suffice or satisfy M^r^ Hatch his injurious treatment in not only dispofsefsing your Petitioner of his station and employ but depriving him of his Liberty destroyed at once his Credit and influence without producing one single benefit to his Employers.- In addition to the enclosure N° 6 in my reply to the 8^th^ Article, I beg to annex an authentic Document with translate with the Seal of the Raja and the Signature of Jonkeram Sing affixed to it - This instrument will incontestibly prove that the Comar Mehal &c^a^ was an established alienated Collection, and from the tenor of the Pottah must annually have become a grievous Tax upon the Inhabitants.

remainder are laying on the water side ready to be transported whenever they may be required. The charge of taking away the milch Cows and Buffaloes together with the articles provided by the Inhabitants for the use of the Raja, is entirely unfounded, and devoid of truth, the Buffaloes my duty obliged me to order away to the uncultivated parts of the District, but even this step, I did not take until my repeated Mefsages to the Rannee had failed of effect.-

my Proceedings upon the Petitions of the Riauts together with Copies and translates of the Papers relating to it from the Enclosure and will fully elucidate the circumstance

The petition in all its parts apparently feems to have been framed under the severe prefsure of disappointment conscious however that I have in no degree acted contrary to the line of my duty I fhall decline troubling the Board with any comment upon the present, or the preceding conduct of Jonkeram Sing all I shall add is, that the general Joy exprefsed by the Inhabitants in general upon his removal from the management strongly evinces how far they are imprefsed with the late act of justice extended by the Board -

List of the enclosures are annexed

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your very obed^t^ hble fr^t^

DINAGEPORE
the 27^th.^ July 1787

[No. 166] List of Enclosures in my Letter to the Board of Revenue
dated 27th July 1787 -

N° 1 Copy of a Letter received from Mr Dawson Collector of Moorshedabad dated the 4th of August 1786.
2 Copy of a Letter from the Collector of Dinagepore to Mr Dawson Collector of Moorshedabad dated the 7th August 1786.
3 Extract of the Collectors Letter to the Board of Revenue dated the 22d Novr 1786.
4 Translate of 3 furds delivered into the Collector by Dongaram Sing
5 Translate of the Sunnud to Gungaram dofs Derogah of the Comar Mahal.
6. Extract of the Collectors proceedings dated 21st July 87. and original, Potta granted by Jonkeram Sing to Ramfiewun &ca Joorees for the Comar Mehal for the Year 1192. P. A. or B. Y. 1191.
7. Translate of Manickchunds reply to the Charges against him.
8. Extract of the Collectors Proceedings dated the 6th July 1787.
9. Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the Governor General and Council to the late Committee of Revenue dated the 24th April 1786.
10. Copy of the Collectors Letter to the Board of Revenue dated 12th January 1787. and translates of Letters received from Gunnesh dofs and Ruttunchund -
11. Copy of a Letter from the Board of Revenue dated 13th March 1787.
12. Extract of the Collectors Letter to the Board of Revenue dated 13th May 1787. with 2 Enclosures marked D. E
13. Translates of Purwannahs to Ramcaunt Roy Nealchund Roy and Neelo Buxey
14. Extract of the Collectors Proceedings upon the Zemindarry Buffaloes dated 2d March 87. together with 3 Enclosures mark A B C

Dinagepore the 27th July 1787-

[No. 167] To John Kinlock Esqr

Collector of Burdwan

Sir,

Talook Burrooa belonging to this Zemindarry having been delivered over by the Manager for the Raja- to Hurchund Gose the Zemindarry Vakeel. I request of You to afford him the afsistance he may require to enable him to make the Collection of the Revenue from the Talook.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore July 30th 1787

[No. 168] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN.

I received yesterday the 29th your Letter of the 17th Inst covering copy of further Petition from Jonkeram Sing.-

In reply to it I beg to refer the Board to the enclosed Copy of the Dustuck No 1 ifsued the 29th of March upon the Board's Letter and Purwannah received here the 24th March and which was delivered to the Mirdah in my presence the day on which it is dated.- I gave no other directions whatever, saving a verbal order to the Mirdah to fhew Jonkeram Sing every indulgence he fhould require consistent with the nature of his charge.

In consequence of notice being received from the Zemindarry Vakeel, that Jonkeram Sing had taken an indirect route, Peons were sent for the exprefs purpose of conducting him into the strait and high road from Dinagepore to the Presidency

The delay created upon the first departure of Jonkeram Sing from Dinagepore, I most firmly believe did not only originate with him, but was connived at, from an Idea he entertained that Sadanund his Vakeel at the Presidency would have negotiated his release before, he fhould have pafsed the Borders of this district-

His stay at Muxadavad under the plea of Sicknefs was also for his own convenience as will appear by the Enclosure No 2- containing deposition of one of the Peons who accompanied Jonkeram Sing to the Presidency-

With respect to the insinuation thrown out in the latter part of the charges against Me it may without Injury to the Author, be annexed to the Catalogue of his Miseries, and will I fear (whatever may have been Jonkeram Sings former Rank / repute in Life,) rather diminish, than add to that Respect which he lays claim to, in the closing Paragraph of his Memorial

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obt hble Servt

Dinagepore July 30th 1787

No. 169] To

John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William -

Gentlemen

I have thought it expedient to annex the demand for the month Sawaun to the three preceding months of the Year by which measure the realizing of the Kists will be rendered easy and manifest benefit accrue in making of the Sudder as also the Mofufsil Settlement for the current Year -

This forbearance in the first demand of the Year has invariably been granted, and particularly last Year.

The present Year it was necefsary previous to deputing of the Naibs into the Mofufsil to reannex the numerous Huzzoory Mehals to the Purgunnahs they formerly had been made Khairidge from, and resume - and reannex the Baazee Jumma much time has elapsed in forming these arrangements and the progrefs of the Mofufsil Settlement has been involuntarily retarded from the uncommon Inclemency of the weather which has raged for this fome time past without scarcely a days remifsion and the Aumlah of the Purgunnah as also that of Silberris effectually prevented from going to or coming from the Mofufsil and fuch as have been dispatched from reaching their destination -

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obt hble servt

Dinagepore the 31st July 87

No. 170] To

Edward Fenwick Esqr

Military Paymaster General

Fort William

Sir

I have this day discharged Drafts drawn upon You by Mr William Farguharson Paymaster in favor of Major James Dunn Commanding the 29th Battallion of Sepoys as follows -

N 53 Account Bills for Current Rups —— 156 - 8-2
92 Abstract for the Month of March 87/ 8,847,,8,,7

I am Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servant

[No. 171] To

John Shore Esq[re]

President &ca Members of

the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

I am only this day honored with the receipt of your Letter covering copy of a Petition delivered in by Jonkeeram Sing to your Board and will transmit a reply to the several charges therein contained as early as pofsible

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your very obed[t] hble s[t]

Dinagepore the 1[st] August 1787

[No. 172] To JOHN SHORE E[SQ]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN

The Ballance of the Treasury Account on the 31[st] of July amounting to S[a] Rupees 27,358 - 5,,6-,, is detained for the payment of the Troops at this Station and to Comply with the Drafts from the Collector, of Dacca as directed in the Boards Letter of the 13[th] of July -

I have the Honor to be

GENTLEMEN

Your very Obedient humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 4[th] August 1787 -

[No. 173] To MATTHEW DAY ESQ[R]

Collector of Dacca-

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 26[th] Ult[o] this day together with the enclosure and will endeavour to procure Bills as soon as pofsible for the amount you require

I AM SIR

Your very Obedient humble Serv[t]

No. 174] DINAGEPORE the 7th August 1787

To

SUETONUIS GRANT HEATLY ESQR

Collector of Purnea -

Sir,

If You will be pleased to advance the Pay due to the detachment stationed with You at Purnea, and inform Me with the Amount, I will give your District Credit for it in My Treasury Account for the Month in which You may inform Me it has been advanced.-

I AM SIR,

Your very Obedient humble

Servant

DINAGEPORE the 7th August 1787 -

No. 175] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Paymaster General

FORT WILLIAM

Sir,

I have this day discharged a Draft drawn upon You by Mr William Farquharson Paymaster, in favor of Major James Dunn Commanding the 29th Battalion of Sepoys for Current Rupees 3,732-8-4 No 10. -

I am Sir,

Your most obedient humble

Servant -

Dinagepore the 8th Augt 1787

No. 176] To.

John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I transmit Copy of a Decree pafsed in favor of Aukil narain Roy the Father of the present Raja Radanaut against Jonkeram Sing for the daily allowance granted to him by Sunnud at the time he admitted his Son to be adopted by the late Raja Bedenaut, the Decree is pafsed against Jonkeram Sing having been in the receipt for these six years past of the

Moshaira allowed the Zemindar. Aukil Roy is in impoverished circumstances and as Jonkeram Sing is at the Presidency, the Board if they think proper will take the necefsary measures for enforcing of it. —

The amount of the Decree is S^a R^s 1,660 —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most ob^t hble Ser^t

Dinagepore August 9th 1787.

[No. 177] To

JOHN WHITE ESQ^R
Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.

SIR.

I have received your Letter of the 27th ult^o accompanying the printed Code of Regulations for the administration of Criminal Justice.

No Derogah or any Establishment is yet arrived on the part of the Naib Nazim.- The Gaol of the District is full of Prisoners, and exhibits in an imminent degree. the necefsity of there being some steps taken for a general delivery, and that fpeedily and I have no sort of establishment to support them from, or preserve them in health until that they shall be delivered over.

The charges which I have hitherto been at for erecting a Gaol and Cutcherry, and for maintaining of the Prisoners, I fhall be obliged to you to inform me upon what office I am to draw for the reimbursement :

From the constant insurrections in the District, the total want of an example, had created ; that in fome of the most flagrant instances of Rebellion, I have been constrained to afsume the power of punishing beyond that, which the present Regulations authorize the Magistrate to exert.—but the necefsity of an example to check the present, and prevent the encrease of further irregularities became too urgent to admit of any longer delay, in waiting for the Arrival of a Derogah, who fhould be vested with proper Powers to inflict punishment,—and the Rebels who from time to time have been taken in Arms by the Troops detached to quell the disturbances created by the incursions of Fakeers and other Banditti. - I have condemned in proportion to the degree of Guilt upon Trial. to labour upon the Roads for a certain period - the daily expence of maintaining these Criminals, I have hitherto defrayed, and comprize a part of the charges, which as present, I solicit to be reimbursed. The Accounts I will direct to be made out, and transmit them to you as foon as pofsible.

I am
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant.

Dinagepore Aug[st] 10[th] 1787

No. 178] To.

John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen

At the requisition of Ramcaunt roy the Naib Zemindar, I transmit a Wajeb ul ariz with Translate, and request your orders thereon.-

With respect to the Rajas Seal I have repeatedly applied by Letter and verbal meſsage to the Widow of the late Raja Bideenaut to learn in whose hands it was deposited, but have only received evasive and very equivocal replies, and those only after a delay of some days subsequent to the Meſsage being delivered.-

On former occaſions when I made any written applications upon publick Busineſs to the Rannee, or Jonkeram Sing the answers were invariably authenticated by the Seal of the Raja, but since my return from the Presidency this practice has been altogether suspended, and indicates that the Seal is not in the Rannees keeping.

I have further to notify to the Board that many circumstances have combined, to combat and render ineffectual the exertions of the present Manager, who I firmly believe equally well disposed with me, to conciliate the Young Raja, and lead him to listen to, and benefit by, the wholesome advice, and instructions neceſsary to promote his future Welfare in Life-

I fear the Widow together with the Adherents of Jonkeram Sing hold him in a state of confinement, even upon the annual ceremony of the Poonea of the District at which he never was known to fail attending since his being placed upon the Rauge, he refused every kind and tender entreaty from Ramcaunt roy in Person on the forenoon of the day on which the Poonea was held, to be present, and was barred from all acceſs in the Evening when upon my arrival I ſent to request that he would attend the Ceremony.

From the certainty that his present situation is not only irksome to himself, but will be productive of very serious consequences from the impreſsion naturally to be made upon a tender mind, from the pernicious advice of evil disposed Persons - I have it in contemplation to recommend to Ramcaunt roy to take the Raja under his own Roof as the best and only means of removing him from a scene of Intrigue.

The known and respectable Character of Ramcaunt roy corroborated by my own observation of the uprightneſs of his conduct previous to, and since he has had the management of the Collections entrusted to him makes me confident that no pains on his part will be spared to bring up the young Raja according to the Tenets of his Religion and carefully attend to the instructive part of his Education,- indeed from the perverseneſs of those who live in the House with the Raja, the Repairs which I last Year directed to be made have been constantly impeded on some pretext or other, and the

Apartments in their present state are by no means safe for the Raja to inhabit, for notwithstanding the Repairs of one part of them had been compleated the Persons residing in, and about the Zenana part of the Building contrived to loosen the Bricks, and the extraordinary heavy rains of the Season have united in reducing the Building to its former ruinous condition.-

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen.

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore Aug[st] 12[th] 1787

[No. 179] To.

William Cowper Esq[R]

Acting President of the Khalsa

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 27[th] July with the Persian Eâd Daasht for the Accounts for the month of November last to compleat the Roy Royans Records for the Year 1193 B. S- They were formerly transmitted with the English Accounts for that Month, and I now enclose a Copy,

I am

Sir

Your very ob[t] hble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 15[th] August 1787

[No. 180] To.

John Shore Esq[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen.

I now transmit in English, and Persian Accounts Settlement of this District for the current Bengal Year 1194.

The Purgunnah of Chowgong is the only Mehal for which no offers whatever have been made, the Zemindars Naib refused to engage upon any terms without a considerable remifsion was granted, and consonant to the 1[st] Article of the Boards instructions in their Letter of the 5[th] of July directing that "In all cases where Zemindars Talookdars or other Land holders decline engaging for the Revenue required, you will call upon them

for written declarations to that effect, which are to be transmitted to us as Vouchers of their refusal " I transmitted to the Board the Dhurkaast of the Naib together with Copy of my Proceedings.- held thereon.

I shall again renew the tender conformable to the Boards directions in their Letter of the 31[st] of July Viz : " We approve of the Steps you have taken regarding Chowgong but desire you to tender it once again to the Proprietor at the Jumma of last Year. should he ftill refuse his afsent to these terms, the Mehaul must of Necefsity held Khaas ". Upon the arrival of the Zemindar for whose personal appearance I have continued the Tullub in force, suspecting that some sinister views influenced the naib at the time he quietly submitted to the sequestration of his Principal Estate into the hands of an Aumeen.

The difference in the Kistbundee for Havillee Pinjeerah &c[a] now forwarded and that proposed to be adopted for the present Year transmitted in my Letter to the Board under date the 17[th] of March last, I admitted of, from a conviction that the actual alteration will greatly tend to render the Sudder Monthly instalments more proportionate to the Mofufsil Monthly afsets, and in some degree, render lefs necefsary the operation of a pernicious, and burthensome intervention of Shroffs, and Money lenders.

The Zemindars of the Selberris annexations could not be prevailed with, to execute their Engagements without the Form for the proposed Kistbundees as regulated by M[r] Champion, undergoing some alteration

The amendment which has taken place, is calculated to afford ease to these Zemindars upon the fame principle as that of Havillee Pinjeerah The demand for the three first Kists of the Year, are more equalized to the means of payment than they were, according to the proposed Form, and the surplus taken off the three first Kists, is annexed to the six following ; by this adjustment the grand object of preventing heavy demands from being thrown upon the close of the Year, is obtained, and the three last Months instalments preserved agreeably to the Form transmitted to the Board by the late Collector.-

The repeated representations which have been made to me for remifsion from the Jumma, and forbearance in the current demands, from the uncommon inundation which it is universally reported has marked the whole District with its progrefs ; the mention of is here no further necefsary, than merely to note that such have been made ; for I confefs that I am sanguine in my hopes that the whole Revenue will be realized and I am confident that my determined efforts to compleat this grand object of my Appointment cannot well be frustrated, whilst I have health and energy to pursue the Line of my duty ; without indeed it fhall be clearly proved that the Calamity now alledged to have befallen the Easterly parts of the District, shall have spread its baneful Effects too widely for the scope of human foresight, to have averted, or unremitted labour, and attention, to have remedied

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very ob[t] hble Ser[t]

Dinagepore Aug[st] 15[th] 1787

[No. 181] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN.

From the information received from Ramcaunt roy the Zemindars Naib of the Decoits having renewed their depredations in the Purgunnah of Phoolbarry to the North East of the District, I have been necefsitated to request of the Commanding Officer to send a Party of Sepoys to protect the Riauts; indeed I was obliged to take the same steps last year, and I find it has been usual for the Officer formerly residing here to keep a party constantly stationed there; The vicinity of Sooroopore and the shelter afforded the Thieves, in the Jungles of Phoolbarry and Sooroopore; renders more than a simple Party from the Zemindar, absolutely requisite to repel the attacks of these nightly Robbers.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your very ob[t] hble Servant

Dinagepore the 17[th] Aug[st] 1787.

[No. 182] To John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

Conformbaly to your circular Letter of the 27[th] Ult[o] directing that "as foon as you shall have, ascertained the Rate of Interest paid throughout your district conformably to the 24[th] Article of the Revenue Regulations we desire you will transmit us a statement particularizing the rate paid in each Purgunnah"—

I have to inform you, that it is morally impofsible to acquire an accurate knowledge of the rate of Interest paid in any particular part of the District, it fluctuates according to circumstances, the principle—Necefsity in the Borrower,- and capacity in the Lender,- and no notice can be had of what rate of Interest the loan is made at, but when the Lender has no means left within his own power to exert, to recover from his Debtor, He then involuntarily submits his claim to a legal enquiry, and himself to the penalty annexed to Usury, in instances of this nature which have been brought before me, it does not appear that a greater Interest, than one Anna in the Rupee or R[s] 6..4. P Cent P mensem has been demanded or engaged for under the written agreement of the party borrowing.

In this District few or any regular Shroffs are established and the busine∫s of lending Money almost wholly centers with Sena∫ses Buxureahs and other independant People residing in different parts of the Country, the Riauts and Renters taking up Money at exorbitant Interest, can never be prevailed upon to declare the rate they borrow at, or even upon publication of the relief to be afforded to them, be brought to complain of the greivance [*sic*] they labour under, whilst they continue to derive present advantage, or look forward to future benefit.- From this state of the case (which from all the information I can collect I believe to be just) it will appear that the incentives to prevent disclosure are too powerful, for any present measures however, well concerted and vigorous in their operation, to introduce with effect any system to crush the evil. The prospect of doing away by degrees so iniquitons a burthen upon the District, is I hope, now approaching, since the salutary measures which Government have lately deemed expedient to adopt for regulating and adjusting the Sudder monthly demands upon a more proportionate footing to the Mofufsil monthly resources if carefully attended to, and the benefit extended to the, Zemindar, be diffused through every Rank of Men employed in the Collections down to the Riaut: The nece∫sity for borrowing will be gradually reduced, and the rate of Interest which it may hereafter be the intention of Government to fix as the standard, be productive of the relief so nece∫sary to the Encouragement of cultivation, and the Welfare of the Country.

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Your most obedient

humble Servant

Dinagepore Aug[st] 15[th] 1787

[No. 181] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN.

From the information received from Ramcaunt roy the Zemindars Naib of the Decoits having renewed their depredations in the Purgunnah of Phoolbarry to the North East of the District, I have been necefsitated to request of the Commanding Officer to send a Party of Sepoys to protect the Riauts ; indeed I was obliged to take the same steps last year, and I find it has been usual for the Officer formerly residing here to keep a party constantly stationed there ; The vicinity of Sooroopore and the shelter afforded the Thieves, in the Jungles of Phoolbarry and Sooroopore, renders more than a simple Party from the Zemindar, absolutely requisite to repel the attacks of these nightly Robbers.

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[No. 184] the 17th of August

Hundees sent to the Collr of Dacca by Mr Thos Harris from Cofsimbuzar under cover of a Letter from the collr of Dinagepore as follows

1 drawn on Monohur dofs & Seebboo pursaud at 5 Ds sight upon Jaggernaut & Monickchund for sicca Rups 6,100 -

1 do- do Gowal dofs & Sibnaut dofs at 5 Days sight for SaRs 5,900 -

Dinagepore Augst 22d 1787.

[No. 185] To

THOMAS SHORT ESQR

Afsistant Secretary to the Right Hble the Governor General in Council

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

I beg you will be pleased to relieve me from the severe censure under which I have fallen as conveyed to me in your Letter of the 9th Inst: by directions of the Right Hble the Governor General in Council, by laying before his Lordfhip the following explanation of the circumstances which gave rise to the apparent neglect in not having transmitted the cash Account for June last, with account of Fines and Deposits to the Register of the Sudder Dewanny, Adawlut, The 56th Article of the Audawlut Regulations enjoin the judge to forward the Accounts quarterly. I calculated the period for forwarding of these Accounts from the Month I entered upon the Office of Judge, The quarterly Accounts transmitted the 2d of June to the Register of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut were for the Months of March, April and May ; I have to lament that the Register of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut did not return Them in order that I might have rectified the Error.

The Cash Account and Accounts of Deposits and Fines for the month of June together with a Draft for the Amount I shall forthwith forward to the Register of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut.

I am Sir

Your very obt hble Servant

Dinagepore Augst 28th 1787.

[No. 186] To JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of the 14th directing in addition to your orders of the 31 Ulto to report from time to time the effects of the inundation and the state of the Lands under my charge.

The following Purgunnahs, Battasun Burbulla, Undooa, Pyrabund Surhutta, Paladafsee Bagetpore Futtyjungpore Amdheer tulsee Gaut and Mehasindia bounding the Zemindarry of Havillee Penjeerah to the Eastward are reported to have been laid waste by the inundation, and the Rubbee Crop entirely destroyed ; The Riauts to have refused coming to any Settlement, with the Officers of the Zemindar but upon terms of heavy remifsions being granted or that the demand for Revenue altogether be postponed and thrown upon the Kurreef and Asfhar Crops towards the close of the Year. The Towjee for the four first Months of last Year upon these Purgunnahs was the demand has been made upon the same rate this, but without scarcely any portion being realized, and at present is the only certain proof of the Fact, of a total lofs of the Crop existing, as reported by the Officers of the Zemindar deputed to make the Settlement of those Purgunnahs, and from the intelligence received from Persons, arriving from those parts, the inundation has been most calamitous, the waters having risen at different periods, and the Crops transplanted in the interval, when the Water apparently was subsiding have by the subsequent and sudden rise decayed in the ground, so that the effects extend to the Kurreef Harvest to which the Zemindars, upon the damage done to the Rubbee Crop, looked for afsistance, making good their Revenues in other places seed has been sown without effect and the Riauts and their Families have been driven to great distrefs,

In Silberris the Purgunnahs of Chowgong and Barbuckpore are represented to have suffered most, Purgunnah Chowgong borders upon Bettoriah, and by the last advices from the Aumeen appears to be still under water, the other Mehauls contiguous have also suffered, in a more or lefs degree the effects of the inundation, and which in general have been felt the most severe in the East and South East Quarter of the District—From accounts received at different periods it appears that the lofs of Cattle has been considerable, and is much will materially retard the bringing to market the Crop which may be reaped as without Cattle the Grain cannot be cleansed.-

When the Mofufsil Settlement of the Zemindarry of Havillee Pinjerah shall have been finally compleated, I shall be better able to judge of and report upon what the actual injury which has been sustained ; and I still hope that by granting time according to circumstances to the Zemindars in paying up their Kists the whole or at least the greatest part of the Revenue engaged for, will be realized by the close of the Year

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Dinagepore the 28th Augt 1787

[No. 187] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Pay master General

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

I have this day discharged a Draft drawn upon you by MR William Farquharson Paymaster in favor of Major James Dunn commanding the 29th Battalion of sepoys for Current Rupees 11,549-1-5 - N° 13.--

I am Sir

Your very Obedt Servant

DINAGEPORE the 28th August 1787-

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I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 29th August 1787-

No. 189] To

William Farquharson Esq^r^

&c^a^ Members of the Committee of investigation

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of the 18th Instant.—

The Ballance of Current Rupees 4,377-7-11- is Justly stated- but as I have not received any Commifsion for the uncommon Trouble in the disposal of the Grain consignment, or have been reimbursed for the Expence incurr'd upon my attending at Lucnow to negotiate the disposal of the remainer[*sic*] to the Vizier and at Allahabad to direct the delivery to be made to the Vizier's Agent, I am hopeful that the usual allowance granted to other agents will be allotted to me and be admitted of, in part liquidation of the Ballance-

The most material charge attending my being obliged to go to Lucnow to settle with the Resident the disposal of the remaining Grain on Hand, arises from demurrage, as upon my leaving of Cawnpore the latter end of September 1784, I hired Boats to proceed to Allahabad to transport me and my Effects from thence to the Presidency, but was detained at Lucnow by sicknefs and delay in obtaining the Vizier's final determination till the end of November before I could quit Allahabad.-

Copy of my Letter which accompanied my Accounts to the Act^g President of the late Committee Grain I have the honor to enclose and am Gentlemen

Your very obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 29^th August 1787

[No. 190] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue-

FORT WILLIAM

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of the 10^th of August Directing my Attention to three principal Points as preparatory for forming the Settlement for the Bengal Year 1195.-

1^st The Amount of the Jumma

"In order to ascertain a fair and equitable Jumma you will revert as "far as the Accounts and materials you are pofsefsed of will enable you" &c^a

I have to inform the Board, that there is not a vestige of an acco^t or English Paper to which I can appeal.-The Records of this Collectorship were removed to Purnea at the Time the Provincial Council was- and I am precluded the hope of obtaining any accurate Knowledge upon the points directed from the Zemindarry Records, as they are not forthcoming as will further appear from the enclosed Copy of my Proceedings upon the representation of Ramcaunt Roy- and am of Opinion that there are but two modes by which they can be obtained.-

The first and most feasible is that of obliging Jonkeeram Sing to make over to his Succefsor in form, all Papers and Accounts which he held in charge during the Time he had the Management of the Zemindarry, together with the Seal of the Raja.-

The other- that of authorizing a particular discription of Women under the Title of Tillashun and employed by Government to search the apartments of Women upon similar Occasions to that above recited.- But this alternative it may not be proper to adopt, or even if adopted may not be attended with

effect until all legal means taken to obtain Charge of the Records by the mode first proposed shall have failed of Succefs.-

In addition to the urgency for Ramcaunt Roy's being placed in full Pofsefsion of whatever Records may appertain to the Zemindarry, it is efsential to recur to the Board's Letter of the 20th February, Extract of which is.- "Lastly We desire you will obtain and furnish us with a history of the "several Zemindars in your Districts commencing at the first Establishmt "of the Zemindarry, and tracing it through all its Succefsions Defalcations "and annexations to the present Time particularizing those instances where "any diviation may have taken place from the established Rules of Succefsion "the causes of such deviations as far as you may be enabled to afsign them "and the modes and reasons of the several annexations and defalcations."— and my reply thereto in my addrefs of the 17th of March following. last Paragraph as follows,- "To the two last Paragraphs of the Board's circular Letter, I "shall reply as early as pofsible but the Records to enable me to give "authentic information upon the Points required are no where to be found, and "it has been suggested to me, that they are in the Rannee's Keeping". This together with the material information Directed to be obtained in the Letter to which this is a reply, will I conclude evince the necefsity of some speedy measure being taken by which the impediments to the progrefs of the present Managers official Duty's as Guardian to the Raja and Manager of the Zemindarry may be removed.-

I am

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 29th Augst 1787.

No. 191] To John Shore Esqre

President &ca

Gentlemen

The omifsion of not sending the Towjee Account for Boysaac Joit and Afsar I hope will be repaired when that forwarded this Day to the Preparer of Reports, shall be laid before you.-

The first Towjee of the year I informed the Board in my Letter of the 30th Ulto I had formed for four Months, In future I shall particularly attend to this point, which I did not conceive at the first opening of the collections was of such material consequence

I am &ca

DINAGEPORE the 31st August 1787-

[No. 192] To

ROBERT ADAIR ESQR

Collector of Boglepore.

Sir

I enclose copy of my Proceedings upon the disturbance between the Zemindars Omla of Malduar and the Omla of Haât Bullar in Purgunna Sougenagur- upon the Petition referred to Me the 23d June last- it appears that the Omla of Malduar first Seized upon the Gomasta of Cosaul Gose the Farmer of Haât Buttar and that in consequence of this Measure a Battle ensued, between the Parties created by the attempt made by Cosaul Gose to release his Gomasta, and the consequences happened as stated in the Petition- The Haât of Buttar is a Jumma Haât, and if that of Azimgunge in Malduar is otherwise, and established within the rules prescribed for the distance to be Observed between Haâts- Viz out of sound of the Naggarra- it ought to be abolished ; but if the contrary which from the account of both the Parties I am afraid is not the case in point of prescribed distance- each must be bound to preserve the Peace in future, and represent their Grievances when they shall arise- to their distinct and Separate judges authorized, to decide upon them- and not as they appear to have done in the present case set up as arbitrators in their own Cause.-

I have taken a Mochulka from Ally Bux Sirdar, to the above recited Effect, and request you will do the same with the Omla of Haât Azimgunge Bursoor.-

I am

Sir,

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

Dinagepore the 1st Septr 1787

[No. 193] To

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQR

Accomptant General of the Revenue Dept

FORT WILLIAM

Sir

The Ballance of the Treasury account on the 31st of August amounting to Sa Rs 99, 158-9.1 is detained for the payment of the Troops at this station and to comply with the demand from Dacca as directed in the Boards Letter of the 13th July.-

I am Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servt

[No. 194] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM.-

Gentlemen.

In reply to your Letter of the 16[th] Ul[. .] directing me to explain the origin & circumstances of the Pension to Meer Mahomud Hufsein and Bramins Birt.- I now transmit authenticated copy of the Sunnud by which the Widow of Meer Mahomud Hufsein and her Child hold their Title to the Pension, also Copies of the subsequent Perwannahs of confirmation granted under the Mogul, and our Government.

Under what circumstances the Pension originated is not at present to be traced, but it appears from the Perwannah of Nawaub Jaffier Ally Cawn that a Tuncaw upon the Zemindarry of Havillee Pinjerah for 100 Rupees P mensem was granted many Years fince to Meer Sied Ally and confirmed under his (Nawab Jaffier Ally Cawns) Perwannah to Raja Ramnaut, the original Tuncaw is not to be produced, or the period when the reduction to one Rupee P diem took place to be ascertained, for the reasons set forth in my proceedings, Copy of which forms an Enclosure,- but the Stipend appears to have been paid annually to the Clamant at the present rate during the time M[r] Vansittart was chief of Dinagepore, and perpetuated by Perwannahs from the Government ifsued upon the brief of the Claimant when a previous application for payment to the Zemindar, or Manager, was delayed, rejected, or disputed-

It is by this Charity that the Widow of Meer Mamud Hufsein, and daughter of Meer Sied Ally, the Person the Pension was originally granted to, subsists; she is infirm, has a numerous Family and no other means to trust to, for a livelihood, the continuance of the stipend to the Family will be an act of Charity, as the lofs of it would subject them to great distrefs, a Vicifsitude which the Boards compliance with their earnest solicitation will avert, and quiet the apprehensions they so visibly disclosed during the course of the enquiry into the merits of the Title.

Bramins Birt-

"We desire you will also transmit us attested Copies of the Sunnuds "given by the Committee of Circuit for this allowance with an abstract of "their Contents and all information contained in your Records on this Subject."

The Sunnuds are all of one, and the fame tenor and only vary in the annual Sum granted to each Bramin, Copy of one of the Sunnuds in the pofsefsion of a Bramin residing upon the spot together with a list of the Number, and Names of the Bramins upon the Birt Establishment with the amount drawn annually by each affixed, I enclose, and as on the first article

refer to the Enclosure (Copy of my Proceedings) with respect to the Records from which alone any information of the original institution of this Establishment, and the several additions, reductions &c[a] respecting it from the commencement of the Zemindarry, the reported period when it was first instituted, may be traced,

The Bramins entitled to this Charity are many of them Riauts; reside in different parts of Bengal, Bah[. .] Orifsa and the Province of Oude, and annually resort to Dinagepore in the Month of September to receive it.

They are looked up to by every Rank of People with the utmost veneration, the Hindoo Inhabitants rich and poor ascribe every circumstance happening to them during their residence here, as guided under their auspices,- and the Zemindars as well as the Inhabitants would I fear look upon the Rauge its Dignity of its religious customs as annihilated, if the allowance should be abolished, and I am confident that the alternative would be attended with very ill consequence and open a plea for a voluntary Mhatoot which all the vigilence of Government would not be able to supprefs, and under such a cloak, the very abuses to which the Boards attention is evidently exerted to correct, be again introduced, and more difficult of detection in proportion to the degree of enthusiasm, under which they would be carried on.-

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Dinagepore

Your most obedient

the 3[d] fept[r] 1787

humble Servant,

[No. 195] To

Dinagepore the 3[d] Sept[r] 1787 —

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQ[R]-

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dep[t]

FORT WILLIAM

SIR,

Enclosed is Hundee drawn upon the House of Orjoon junaut Shroffs of Calcutta at 5 days for the Amount of the Aumilnama Fees Collected from this District amounting to S[a] R[s] - - - 3,175-14-

Deduct Hundean at 3 p[r] C[t] - - 95-4-

Amount of the Hundee . S[a] R[s] 3,080-10-

I am Sir

Your very Obed[t] humble Servant -

Dinagepore Sep[t] 3[d] 1787.

No. 196] To

Matthew Dawson Esq[r]

Collector of Moorshedabad

Sir,

Prior to the receipt of your Letter of the 13[th] Ult[o] brought to me this day, I had detached a Party of Sepoys in quest of Moosa shaw with a Guide to conduct them to the place where he was then encamped, but upon Intelligence being obtained by him of the Steps taken, heremoved before the Party could pofsibly reach the Spot - the Jemautdar is still in pursuit of him.

Your Letter of the 18[th] Ultimo covering a Petition was received at the same time and from the same hands, but no Person attending on the part of the Mufseedah Zemindar or his Vakeel to prosecute the Charge, made against Surbefsur Mundull ; and the Omla of Pergh Suntose no investigation can take place with Effect. however I will make further enquiry into the matter, and redrefs the Greivance if it be proved to be real.

No Guide has attended in case any necefsity had existed of pointing out the Spot where Moofsa Shaw was to have conducted the the [*sic*] party as you intended

I am &ca

No. 197] To

John Shore Esq[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen

In reply to your Letter of the 24[th] Ultimo directing me to furnish you with circumstantial Explanations of the Settlement of Turruff Kurree Turruff Behar and Turruff Doobra, the latter let in farm without Security. I have to inform the Board that they were let in farm in default of the Attendance of the Zemindars, or any Persons authorized on their parts to make the Settlement, and the alternative not adopted in any one instance till the usual procefs by repeated summons and publication had failed of effect- The Farmer of Buddieulz'man of Turruff Doobra is Zemindar of Purgunnah Silberris has always been remarkable for the punctuality of his payments, is withal a very responsible and wealthy Landholder, The Jumma of Turruff

Doobra inconsiderable comparatively with that he pays to Government from his own Zemindarry, and where the Reasons which operated with me at the time for receiving his Engagements as Farmer, without Security.

The Securities for Turruff Khalloo and Purgunnah Caubilpore were accepted upon the Dhurkaast of the Zemindars Naibs, but shall be relinquished conformably to the Boards directions

The Zemindar of Purgunnah Chowgong has not yet attended to the summons sent to him for that purpose, when he does, the final Tender shall be made to him, and the result reported to the Board.

Attested Copies of the Deeds of Settlement together with Copy of the Mochulka executed by Ramcaunt Roy were forwarded to the Board under cover of my Letter of the 31st Ultimo

I have the honor to be

Dinagepore

Gentlemen

the 4th fept^r 1787.

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 5th Sept^r 1787

[No. 198] To JOHN WHITE ESQ^R

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

Sir

Accompanying I transmit Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Criminal Court at this station for the Ballance of the Account Current I have delivered my Receipt to the Collector and have received the amount-

I beg to be informed at what period the Cash account as directed in the Regulations to be forwarded Monthly is to be transmitted, in the succeeding Month & whether it is to be drawn out according to the Arabic, or the English Era.

I have again to notify that no Drogha or Establishment on the part of the Naib Nazim, is yet arrived-

I am Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 10th Sepr 1787

No. 199] To

Edward Fenwick Esqr

Military Pay Master General

Fort William

Sir,

I have this day discharged Drafts drawn upon you by Mr William Farquharson Paymaster in favour of Major James Dunn Commanding the 29th Battalion of Sepoys as follows

N° 25 - dated the 26th July 87 for Current Rupees -	11,185 - 9 -
N° 35 - D° - 26th August	15,730 - 5 - 3

I am Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 10th ſeptember 1787.

No. 200] To

John ſhore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

The Zemindar of Pergunna Chowgong Roodercaunt Roy, with his Naib Chundernarrain, have attended at the Cutcherry - and the Settlement for the present Year, again tendered conformably to the Board's orders- The proprietor has declined entering into the usual Engagements afserting that the inundation has laid waste his Lands, and will for the present Year render them unproductive, referring to the Aumeen deputed to make the Collections for the truth of his Afsertion,-

I am,

Gentlemen &ca

pleased to lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council my request to be allowed the customary commifsion drawn upon sales by agents employed under the late Committee of Grain.

The amount of the grain sold is stated in the enclosure

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen —

[No. 206] ACCOUNT Sales of the Honble Company's Grain from the Month of February 1785 to the Month of December 1785 —

February - - - - . - - - - - - - - - - -	2,064,,	10.	3
March - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,069,,	4	6
April - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	586,,	15,,	3
May - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	729,,	3,,	6
June - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3,175,,	6.	10
July - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,261,,	2.	5
August - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	712,,	2.	6
September - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,107,,	14.	3
October - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,137,,	10.	9
November - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,445.	4.	10
December - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3,264,,	10.	1
Current Rupees- - -	17,554,,	5,,	2.

Dinagepore the 28th Sept^{r} 1787

[No. 207] To

MATTHEW DAY ESQ^{R}

Judge at

DACCA

Sir

At the Complaint of Monohur dofs I forward Copy of his Petition to M^{r} Shee, but as it appears from the repetition of the Complaint that monohur dofs still represents that he is aggrieved, I transmit a Copy of the Letter of reference with the enclosure formerly sent to M^{r} Shee, and a transcript of the Petition this Day presented by Monohur dofs, and desire you will afford Him the redrefs he may prove to be entitled to - -

I am Sir,

Your very Obed^{t} humble Servant

Dinagepore the 29th Sepr [. . .]

No. 208] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

I have received your Letter of the 18th Instt observing that I have not made you acquainted whether I have taken a Malzaminee for the Farms, of Turruff Doobra. - I did not take security for any of the Farms held by sied Buddieulz'man for the reasons contained in my Letter of the 4th of Sept "the Farmer being a very responsible, and wealthy Land holder" but will in consequence of the Board's directions immediately call upon him for the usual security -

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedt humble Servant

Dinagepore the 29th Sepr 87

No. 209] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN FORT WILLIAM

In consequence of the inability of Nubcaunt roy the Farmer of Turruff Behar, and his security Raugekifsenroy to pay up the Kists to the end of Sawun, I received the Farmers Istuffa and a deposit from the security of the amount of the Balance due at the period of failure, the security Raugekifsen roy I have ma[. .] over to the Faugedarry Court, to be dealt with as an Impostor.—

The Deposit is to remain untill it be ascertained, whether the Farmer has fully accounted for the sums received from the Mofufsil.-

The Security of the Revenue together with the advanced Season, left no alternative but that of closing with the first proposals offered, and Sied Buddieulz'man has engaged for the same Jumma with the Kists to be paid by Waddah. - a note of this circumstance was entered at the foot of the Towjee account for Sawun.-

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedt humble Servant

DINAGEPORE September 1787.

[No. 210] To D. H. M^{c} DOWALL ESQ^{R}

Collector of Rungpore -

Sir,

I enclose copies of Dustuck and Kistbündee presented on the part of Ramnarrain Tanandar of Rangamatty, to Ramsunker the aumeen deputed by Me to make the Collections of Pergunna Selamabad.—

The Tuncaw I imagine to be of very old date when the expences of the Tope Conna were defrayed by the Zemindars but from thê extract of the aumeens Letter (which I enclose) it would appear that the Persons deputed to collect the Kist on this Account, usurping an undue authority - I beg you will be so good as to cause the Persons sent to be recalled, and inform the Tannadar that whatever may be his claim from Selamabad, to make it to you, and from you to me, as the Revenue of Pergunna Chowgong to which the Pergunna of Selamabad is attached - is made Khaas, and the Collections of course sequestered by me for Government.—

I am fir

Your very Obed^{t} hble Serv^{t}

DINAGEPORE the 1st October 1787

[No. 211] To

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQ^{R}

Accomptant General to the Revenue Department

FORT WILLIAM.

SIR,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 30 of September amounting to S^{a} R^{s} 2,16,677-8-6 is detained for the Payment of the Troops at this Station and to comply with the Demand from Dacca as per the Collector's Letter of the 1st of September.- -

I am,

SIR,

Your very obed^{t} humble ferv^{t}

DINAGEPORE September 1787.

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I am,

SIR,

Your very obed^t humble ſerv^t

DINAGEPORE the 4th October 1787.

[No. 212] To

M^R JAMES CHRISTIE ESQ^R

Resident at

APOLE

Sir,

The Petition of Ittesamodie enclosed in your Letter of the 22d September represents an evil which I shall endeavour to remedy, but as the representation is set forth in general Terms - I request you will direct Ittesamodie, to appoint a proper Person to prove the charges against the Amla of Beergunje; Fakeergunje, Gaut Mufseena, Ranny gunje, Santeebarry, Kadrabaud, Poran-gunje & Doudpore -. The Riauts who are represented to have relinquished their Cloths for the Payment of Rahadarry Taxes shall also meet with full Redrefs upon their proving the violence set forth, to have been committed, and identifying the Perpetrators - The Cutcherry is open to receive all Complaints twice every Week, Viz : Monday and Fridays -

I am,

Sir &ca—

[No. 213] To

Richard Johnson Esqre

Accompt^t Gen^l Revenue Department

Sir

Accompanying I transmit the Treasury account of this District for the Month of September,.-

If upon examination It appear that any alteration be necefsary to render it conformable to the Form recently transmitted I shall be obliged by being informed with the particulars in order that I may retain a rectified Account in lieu of that now transmitted

I am Sir

Your very obed^t hble fe

Dinagepore

the 5th Oct^r 1787

[No. 214] To

DINAGEPORE the 6th October 1787

GEORGE CHARLES MEYER ESQR

Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dept

Sir,

In reply to your Letter under date the 31st of August- I now transmit account of the Standard of the Weight and Measures in use throughout this District-

Standard Weights

of 92 Sicca Weight to the Seer in use for the purchase and Sale of Grain

80 Sicca Weight to the Seer in use for the purchase and Sale of all other articles-

62 Sicca Weight to the Seer in use throughout the Pergunnahs in Silberris for the purchase and Sale of Grain

58 Sicca Weight to the Seer in use for the purchase and Sale of all other articles.-

Standard Measures
Cubit of 24 Fingers length-
Guzz of 1¾ Cubit length-

Grain is purchased by Cuttil or measure in the interior Parts of the District for which there is no regular standard; it fluctuates according to the increase, or decrease of the Crops, or the demand or otherwise for Grain—

I am Sir &ca

[No. 215] To

John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

Accompanying I transmit an account Waaslat of the collections made by Gowreecaunt the Naib Zemindar of Pergunna Chowgong previous to the Sezawals being deputed into the Pergunna, this circumstance and the damage done to the Rubbee Crop by inundation will I much fear cause a considerable deficiency in the Revenue due from this Pergunna.-

I also enclose a Wasil Baakee Account of the Demand for the six first Months of the Year, drawn out according to the Kistbundee formed for the current year by which it will appear that if the Collections had not been anticipated little or no Balance upon the Towjee to the end of Afsin, or the current Bengal Month would have accrued.—

The signature of the Naib Gowreecaunt is affixed, to the Wâaslat, to obviate all plea of the account having been unjustly obtained, or unfairly stated.

I have sent a Dustuck to bring up Gowrycaunt the Naib, Teer mohun Sing the Shaikdar, and Ramkiswor Aumeen, as being jointly and separately responsible for the payment of the amount embezzled and shall upon their arrival proceed against Them for the recovery of it—

I am Gentlemen

Your very obed^t hble ferv^t

DINAGEPORE

the 9^th Oct^r 1787-

Dinagepore the 13^th Oct^r 1787

216] To

Richard Johnson Esq^r

Accomptant General Revenue Dep^t

Sir

Annexed is Hundee from the House of Gopaul dofs at 15 Days Sight for Sicca Rupees forty thousand, transmitted to me by M^r Speke the Collector of Radshye, for the amount of which you will be pleased to give him credit acco^t of the remittance made by me to him, as charged in the Treasury Account of this Collectorship for the month of August last.

I am Sir

Your very Obed^t humble ferv^t

Dinagepore 16^th Oct^r 1787-

217] To

M^R MICHAEL ATKINSON

Afsistant to the Collector

NATTORE

SIR

I will send a Perwannah to the Zemindars of Silberris to promote M^r Spekes' Silk Businefs

Rusheed Mundull's Petition I received under cover of your Letter of the 30^th Ult^o- but no Person attends to support it.- In future if you will bind the party presenting the arzee to be referred, to attend and prosecute within a certain period, nor cause the Letter covering the reference to be delivered, but by a person duly authorized to litigate the plaint- much inconvenience

will be avoided to you- and me a Mochulka to this Effect- the Penalty of default- to be Dismifsion of the Complaint altogether, will I doubt not, render applications lefs frequent and when made, contain sufficient cause to render the prosecuting of Them, of more Moment to the Party- than by the absence altogether of Rushud Mundul—his seems to have been.—

I am Sir

Your very Obedient humble ferv^t

DINAGEPORE the 19^th October 1787.

[No. 218] To

MATTHEW DAY ESQ^R

Dacca

SIR,

M^r Harris informs me that on the 14^th Instant he forwarded to you two Hundees-

1 drawn by Jaggeernaut and Monickchund upon Monohur Dofs and Seeboo pursaud Shroffs at Dacca for S^a r^s—15,000-

1 drawn by Gopaul dofs and Sibnaut Dofs for S^a r^s 5,000- both drawn at 10 days Sight- Upon receipt of the amount please to give this Collectorship Credit.—

I am,

Sir &c^a

[No. 219]

DINAGEPORE the 20^th October 1787.

To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

Pres^t &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen

In compliance with your directions to transmit without delay the name of the Malzamin for the Farm of Turruff Doobra, I have to inform you that Sied Goolam Sultan is the name of the person who is become security for the Farmer of Turruff Doobra—

I am,

Gentlemen

Your very obed^t hble fervant.

Dinagepore the 22[d] Oct[r] 1787

20] To

John Shore Esq[re]

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the 9[th] Instt. directing Me to transmit the name of the Malzamin for the Farm of Turruff Behar and the Estafee of the late Farmer Nubcaunt roy, and to be made acquainted. on what account I made over Raujekifsen Roy the security of the late Farmer of Turruff Behar to the Foujedarry Court.

Sied Golaum Sultan is the Security for Sied Buddie ul z'man the Farmer of Turruff Behar and a copy of the Estâfee from the late Farmer is inclosed—

Upon the demand being made for Payment of the Poonea Kist due from the late Farmer of Turruff Behar, Raugekifsore the security attended at the Cutcherry and afserted that the Farmer and his Omla had not reached the Mofufsil and petitioned that he might be permitted to pay it up by instalments at four different periods, to which I afsented with a view to secure the Kist as also from considering the circumstances as represented by the Malzamin, as entitling Him to some indulgence; but upon the payment of the 2[d] Instalment becoming due He attended and represented that the Farmer was a child, that neither the Farmer or He as security was able to pay any more and desired in order to guard against any imposition of this nature happening in future I caused Raugekifsore to be made over to the Phousdarree Court to be tried as an impostor.

The amount of the 2[d] Instalment was paid into the Cutcherry by the Malzamin after the order had pafsed to make him over for Trial and is continued in deposit until it shall be ascertained what Collections had been made in the Mofufsil by the Malzamin or his Agents, and if any - whether the Sum has been brought to account of the Revenues

I am Gentlemen

Your very obed[t] hble f[t]

DINAGEPORE the 25[th] Oct[r] 1787

221] To

JOHN ELIOT ESQ[R]

Commifsioner

ZAFFERSHYE

Sir

I have this day received your Letter of the 15[th] Instant and will forthwith cause the Perwanahs to Buddieul Z'man the Zemindar and the Canongoes of Pergunna Silberris to be delivered, and shall forward to you their Receipts

I am Sir,

Your very Obed[t] humble Servant

Dinagepore the 25th Oct^{r} 1787 -

[No. 222] To

John Shore Esq^{R}

President &c^{a} Members of the Board of Revenue - - - -

Fort William

Gentlemen — -

I have the honor to reply to your Letter of the 5th Inst^{t} transmitting Translate of a representation from the Mother of Raja Radanauth, and directing me to report upon the circumstances set forth. -

Kifsen Mujmoodar, Seydoodar, Soubaram Buxey, Geeda Mujmoodar and Collichurn the three former affirmed to be old Servants dismifsed, and the two latter held in confinement, and harrafsed, are the persons who were entrusted with making the Mofufsil Settlement for the preceding year, and the agents to whose management the ostensible, as well as secret resources of the Zemindarry were confided : They continued to the close of that year in the Management of their several Offices, and are now called upon by Ramcaunt roy to give an account of the causes of, and grounds for, the great deficiency stated in the accounts Settlement of that year, as also to explain the particulars of the heavy remifsions upon the Jumma of the Land selected from the most profitable Mehals in the Zemindarry held under their immediate Collection, Geeda Mujmoodar superintended the Comar Dufter, or Office in which the Collections of the alienated Jumma were made.

The Superintending of the Tosheh Khanna is connected with the Duty of Ramcaunt roy as Guardian to the young Raja, and the Mohrers in this Office were under the controul, and authority, of his Predecefsor. -

As the only means to enable the present Manager to re-establish and keep up the Jumma of the Zemindarry to its former Standard, to fulfil his Engagements to Government, and support the Charges of the Zemindarry - it is efsential, that he should go into a minute enquiry of the causes which have contributed to reduce the resources, from those Officers under whose administration the defalcation has arisen, and also to search, and examine into the Funds, which hitherto have been established for the support of the Zemindarry and Household expences, to the end, that he may provide for the maintenance of both, by the most elegible arrangement of such means as he may judge consistent, with the Rules and Ordinances of Governments to continue in force for that purpose. -

It does not appear that any uncustomary or unlawful means are practiced to prosecute these Investigations, beyond what the authorized customs of the Country sanction such as Mohufsils to inforce the attendance at the Zemindarry Cutcherry, and to guard the persons represented to be labouring under oppression, from eloping, or absenting themselves, and to remove this restraint, Ramcaunt roy afserts, that he has repeatedly required them to give

Security for their personal attendance, which some of them have complied with. -

If ever any improper measures had been pursued, wantonly to oppress, or harrass the Parties said to be aggreived - no obstacle existed to bar them, from seeking redress, by the same mode of application all the inhabitants having representations to make are accustomed to adopt ; for from the first of my arrival I caused a Box to be placed in the open Cutcherry for the reception of all written Petitions, and publickly attend at the Cutcherry almost daily to hear indiscriminately all Complaints and representations either written or Oral, from all persons applying for redress —

Juddoonundun roy keeps the Moccabulla Sirishta, and whilst under my authority would not presume to interfere in matters out of the line of his Duty.—

I remain -

Gentlemen -

Your most Obedient

Humble -

Dinagepore the 25th Octr 1787

No. 223] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Pay master General

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

I have this day discharged a Draft No 47 dated 25th Sepr 1787 drawn upon you by Mr W. Farquharson Pay master in favor of Major James Dunn commanding the 29th Battn of Sepoys for Current Rupees 12,008 ,, 12-2

I am Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 27[th] October 1787.

[No. 224] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

The difficulty of acquiring the information necefsary to enable me to reply to your circular Letter of the 21[st] of August, directing a particular Statement of the Kefayet Batta to be forwarded, is the cause of my not having transmitted the following Account of it earlier.

The Zamindar and under Renters of Pergunna Havellee Pinjeera collect 2 annas upon each rupee received from the Reaut under the head of Baṭta. Those of the Silberris Mehals, collect one anna and fourteen Gundas, & the Batta according to these rates forms an article of afsessment in the Riaut's Jummabundee

In the Silberris Mehals the Zemindars and under renters inclusive of the shurrie Nirk Batta or stated rate of Batta included in the Riauts Jummabundee, collect the Bazar rate of Batta upon all species of Rupees except Sicca

The difference or Kefayet Batta remaining, between the amount of the Batta afsefsed and that paid for Shroffage to render the Revenue Payments Sicca is liable to constant fluctuation, but always is in favor of the Zemindars———

I am

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble ferv[t]

Dinagepore the 27[th] Oct[r] 1787

[No. 225] To

D. H. M[c] Dowal Esq[r]

Collector of Rungpore

Sir

Enclosed is Copy of a Rauzeenamah delivered in by Petumber Gur vers Saduc Sirdar by which he declares his suit satisfied - the Petition of Petumber Gur Senafsee was referred to me under your signature the 19[th] of August last -

I am Sir

Your very obedient humble Serv[t]

DINAGEPORE the 30th October 1787

o. 226] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue -

GENTLEMEN,

Much detriment will be to be apprehended to the Sayr Revenue of the Zemindarry of Dinagepore, if some measures be not speedily adopted to remove an embankment occasioned by a large quantity of Timbers being lodged by the violence of the Torrent from the Hills, at the Influx from the River Teesta ; near to a place called Cantamarry about ten Miles below Jelpigory where it discharges into the Rivers Attri & Peernababba, The Bed of These and of the more subordinate Rivers which branch from them, are become entirely dry, and during the rainy Season have only been navigable for Boats of Burthen at the intervals ; of the great Floods & during those junctures, the Merchants transported all the Grain they could procure Boat conveyance for ; but from the End of August last were reduced to the alternative, of navigating their Merchandize, consisting chiefly of Grain, Tobacco, Sugar, Jaggry and Gunnies upon Maars or Floats made upon Canoes and by that means, (till very lately when the Rivers became perfectly drained) conveyed it into deep Water.

The principal Gunjes affected by this uncommon Event are situate as follows -

Cunsumah Gunje in a direct Line north from Dinagepore at the Junction of the Rivers Attri, and Peernabubba. - Rauje Gunje to the West of the Town of Dinagepore, Dumdumma to the S. S. West, and Bomingola in the latter direction, all upon the Banks of the Peernobubbah -

Sahebgunje upon the Banks of the River Coggrye -

Puttyram and Sumdeah upon the borders of the River Attri

The local consequences to be apprehended from this unexpected circumstance may materially will affect the sources of the Revenue in all its branches, in-as-much, that the Staple Produce of this Zemindarry will be lefs Saleable in proportion to the encrease of difficulty in exporting of it - The Riauts cultivating Grain, of coarse [*sic*] be lefs able to discharge their Rents from the disposal of their Crops becoming precarious, and the Sayr Revenue be but little productive whilst the Navigation continues so compleatly obstructed.-

From the accounts I have received of the Bar recently formed, I am of opinion, that if immediate steps were taken, it might be partly, or wholly cleared away, but that if it be permitted to remain, the Sand by accumulating will in a very short course of time, render the removal of it, altogether, impracticable, if the Board think fit I will depute Mr Hunter the head Afsistant to make a local investigation and from his Statement, I am confident I could form an accurate report to enable the Board to adopt some speedy means whereby the impending danger to the Revenue may be averted -

I am,

Gentlemen, &ca

Dinagepore 1st Nove^r 1787

[No. 227] To RICHARD JOHNSON ESQ^R

Accomptant General to the Revenue Department

SIR,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st of October Amounting to S^a r^s 41,421 ,, 5-11 is detained for the Payment of the Troops at this Station and to comply with the Demand from Dacca.-

I am Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 1st November 1787

[No. 228] To

JOHN WHITE ESQ^R

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogahs Reports in Persian with Translates for the Month of Zilhedge - Viz^t -

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentences to the end of Zilhedge

2nd Report or List of Persons on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogah -

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried, and their Causes referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence —

4th Report or List of the Nazims Futwahs in the preceding Months upon former References —

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogahs charge to be tried —

I am Sir

Your's &c^a

Dinagepore the 2d Novr 1787

29] To JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 27th ult° and send under cover the account disbursements required - you will be pleased to observe that the Charges of which I enclose account particular in my Letter of the 5th of September were unavoidably incurred, in as much that had any Drogha been upon the Spot to have maintained, and taken charge of the Prisoners apprehended, The Government would not have been subjected to the expence of taking care of Them till a proper officer should arrive upon the spot to take charge of the jail and the Prisoners confined in it.-

I am Sir Your very obedient humble ferv'

DINAGEPORE the 6th November 1787.

230] To

GEORGE CHARLES MEYER ESQR

Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep'

SIR,

I have received your Letters of the 16th of June and 15th of August last containing Petitions from both Parties in the Suit between Purbuttee Debea Wife of Beshonaut Surma of Chowgong, against Nyan Mujmuadar and others, and have directed the Parties Original Complainants at the Khalsa to enter their Plaint in the Dewanny Adawlut -

I am,

Sir,

Your very obed'

hble Serv'

DINAGEPORE the 7th Novr 1787

[No. 231] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I addrefsed you under date of the 3d of Sepr explaining the particulars of the allowance of Birt Birt to Bramins, and the Pension to Mahomed Hufsein hitherto payable from the AKrajâat allowed to the Zemindar of Dinagepore - and now enclose Copy with Translate of the Petitions received from the Bramins and Zeearrut-ally the son of Meer Mahomed Hufsein soliciting payment of the allowance - as usual -

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very Obedt humble fervant

DINAGEPORE the 8th November 1787

[No. 232] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

On the 2d of the month a violent Gale of Wind happened at this Place, it commenced early in the morning and continued with encreasing violence till seven in the Evening -

The damage sustained has been general. The Camp the Magazine and other Buildings for the use of the Regiment, blown down; - most of the dwelling Houses of the Gentlemen residing here, have suffered considerably and the habitations of the Riauts for many miles round Dinagepore entirely destroyed -

I do not hear that any injury has been done to the Crop upon the eve of reaping —

By every Account I have received, it appears to have been the severest Gale of Wind ever felt in these parts within the memory of the oldest inhabitants living.

I am,

Gentlemen &ca

DINAGEPORE the 9th November 1787.

3] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have this day received your Letter of the 23d of October directing me to prepare Accounts of the Bauzee Zemeen without lofs of Time and transmit them complete before the 15th of the present month—

I shall use my utmost endeavours to comply with the Board's directions, but from the nature of the Duty and the few days unexpired of the Time allotted for transmitting of these Accounts; the Board will no doubt perceive the necefsity of considerably extending the period beyond that specified in the Letter I now have the honor to reply to.

I am,

Gentlemen, &ca

DINAGEPORE the 10th November 1787

34] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

Prest &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

Annexed I transmit Copy and translate of my Proceedings upon the enquiry into the sum collected by Gowricaunt the Mofufsil Naib of Pergunna Chowgong as stated to the Board in my Letter of the 9th of October -

It appears from this examination that the custom of anticipating the Collections of the coming, to make good the payments for the current year has been the usage in the Silberris Mehals from the Bengal Year 1188 ; and I apprehend this innovation cannot be effectually removed without affecting the Zemindars in present pofsefsion, who in consequence of the Practice being prohibited most probably will fall in Balance at the close of the current Year and a sale of a portion of the Lands to make good the dificiency become indispensible. ——

Roodercaunt the Zemindar of Pergunnah Chowgong, is a youth of about the age of nineteen and has not hitherto taken upon himself the management of his Zemindarry -

DINAGEPORE the 7th Nov^r 1787

[No. 231] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I addrefsed you under date of the 3^d of Sep^r explaining the particulars of the allowance of Birt Birt to Bramins, and the Pension to Mahomed Hufsein hitherto payable from the AKrajâat allowed to the Zemindar of Dinagepore - and now enclose Copy with Translate of the Petitions received from the Bramins and Zeearrut-ally the son of Meer Mahomed Hufsein soliciting payment of the allowance - as usual -

I am, Gentlemen,

Your very Obed^t humble fervant

DINAGEPORE the 8th November 1787

[No. 232] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

On the 2^d of the month a violent Gale of Wind happened at this Place, it commenced early in the morning and continued with encreasing violence till seven in the Evening -

The damage sustained has been general. The Camp the Magazine and other Buildings for the use of the Regiment, blown down; - most of the dwelling Houses of the Gentlemen residing here, have suffered considerably and the habitations of the Riauts for many miles round Dinagepore entirely destroyed -

I do not hear that any injury has been done to the Crop upon the eve of reaping —

By every Account I have received, it appears to have been the severest Gale of Wind ever felt in these parts within the memory of the oldest inhabitants living.

I am,

Gentlemen &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 9th November 1787.

233] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have this day received your Letter of the 23d of October directing me to prepare Accounts of the Bauzee Zemeen without lofs of Time and transmit them complete before the 15th of the present month—

I shall use my utmost endeavours to comply with the Board's directions, but from the nature of the Duty and the few days unexpired of the Time allotted for transmitting of these Accounts; the Board will no doubt perceive the necefsity of considerably extending the period beyond that specified in the Letter I now have the honor to reply to.

I am,

Gentlemen, &ca

DINAGEPORE the 10th November 1787

234] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

Prest &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

Annexed I transmit Copy and translate of my Proceedings upon the enquiry into the sum collected by Gowricaunt the Mofufsil Naib of Pergunna Chowgong as stated to the Board in my Letter of the 9th of October -

It appears from this examination that the custom of anticipating the Collections of the coming, to make good the payments for the current year has been the usage in the Silberris Mehals from the Bengal Year 1188; and I apprehend this innovation cannot be effectually removed without affecting the Zemindars in present pofsefsion, who in consequence of the Practice being prohibited most probably will fall in Balance at the close of the current Year and a sale of a portion of the Lands to make good the dificiency become indispensible. ——

Roodercaunt the Zemindar of Pergunnah Chowgong, is a youth of about the age of nineteen and has not hitherto taken upon himself the management of his Zemindarry -

Allowing for the deduction of the Sum collected by Gowricaunt the Naib, I have secured the Balance of the Tahud as paid last Year by appointing a reputable and responsible Inhabitant of the Pergunna to the Office of Sezawal.—

For the recovery of the amount collected by Gowricaunt, I request the Board's instructions and propose with their Sanction ifsuing a publication throughout the Silberris Mehals to prevent the Zemindars from breaking in upon the Revenue of the ensuing Year.—

I am,

Gentlemen &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 10^th November 1787

[No. 235] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

Gentlemen,

I informed you under date the 9^th Instant, that the immediate compliance with the Board's directions for furnishing complete accounts of the Baazee Zemeen was not practicable.

No Records whatever are to be found in the Sudder Zemindarry Serishta, except such partial relating to the Settlement of last Year which from the Collections being under my management, I preserved and made over to Ramcaunt Roy—

In order therefore to furnish the Board with the Accounts required I propose in Concert with the Naib Zemindar to enter upon a local investigation of the Papers, and Records, in every Mofufsil Cutcherry throughout the Zemindarry, and to follow the same Procefs in acquiring the necefsary information from the Mehals in Silberris and request the Board will grant further Time to prosecute this enquiry—

A complete Serishta of the Baazee Zemeen of the Zemindarry of Dinagepore was kept during the life Time of the late Raja Bidunauth, under a seperate Dufter in the Aumeenee office, but the officers to whose Charge this Dufter and every other devolved at the decease of Bidunauth decline giving any Account of what is become of the Records, and it is highly probable they have been secretly conveyed away, since that representations in the name of the Rannee have been made tending to obviate the enquiry which Ramcaunt Roy had set on foot to bring the Officers to discover what is become of them.-

I am,

Gentlemen

Your very obedient humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 10th November 1787-

236] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQ^R

Military Paymaster General-

FORT WILLIAM-

SIR,

I have this day discharged a Draft N° 59-dated 26th October 1787-drawn upon you by Mr William Farguharson Paymaster in favor of Major James Dunn commanding the 29th Battn of Sepoys for Current Rupees 11,944-3. 7.-

I am,

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 15th Novr 1787

237] To

JOHN ELIOT ESQ^R

Commifsioner-

SIR,

Buddie ulz'man the Zemindar of Purgunnah Silberris has acknowledged the Receipt of the Perwanna forwarded to me the 15th Ult° under cover of Your Letter of that date, and informs me that he will cause a Person properly authorized to attend you-

I am,

Sir,

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 15th November 1787 —

[No. 238] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the Zemindar of Pergunna Burbuckpore 14 annas not paying the Balance due the 30th of Afsin of Rs 3,457-5-15- I notified to him by publication sent to the Mofufsil Cutcherry the 2d of Cartic that in default of the amount not being paid, in the course of 5 days after the publication should reach the Cutcherry that the 23rd Article of the Regulations would be carried into execution -

And in consequence of his failure I have order'd a Sezawal to proceed and take charge of the collections, and sent a Dustick for the Zemindar.-

I am,

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble fervant

DINAGEPORE the 15th November 1787.

[No. 239] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

I have received your Letter of the 6th Inst desiring to be further informed to what extent the interference of Ramcaunt Roy has been carried in investigating the private Disbursements of the Zemindarry Household. —

Ramcaunt Roy afsures me that he has not aimed at any investigation into the private disbursements of the Zemindarry House-hold; that his enquiry only went to ascertain if the Funds appropriated for this purpose had been alienated from the Afsets, properly belonging to the Mofufsil Jumma, as this article from the Commencement of the Year 1193 has been considerably reduced. -

The Season for making the Settlement being too far advanced to ascertain this point from the Papers in the Mofufsil, he naturally had recourse to the Sudder Officers who had been entrusted with the Zemindarry Records for the Year 1192- for an explanation; but since that they have refused disclosing where they are deposited, he has abandoned the scrutiny.

I am,

Gentlemen

Your very obedt humble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 17th Novr 1787

40] To

CAPTAIN JOHN ROTTON

Commanding at

Dinagepore

SIR

In compliance with your request contained in your Letter of this day's date I have put such interrogatories to Gowr hurry Sircar as the nature of the case you have written to me upon - suggested and to which Gowr hurry Sircar has replied upon Oath .

Attested Copy of the examination I enclose under cover -

Buxey roy has not attended.

I am Sir

Your very obt humble servant

DINAGEPORE the 18th Nor 1787

241] To

WILLIAM FARQUHARSON, WILLIAM HARDING &

JOHN COTTON ESQR &CA -

Committee for investigating and recovering outstanding

Balances -

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

The Receipt of the Kelladar was demanded by my agent without Effect and for my security He applied to Coll Harper who obtained an account of the Grain delivered from the Aumeen deputed on the part of the Nawaub Vizier, & which I now enclose. -

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

[No. 242] To

Dinagepore the 21st Novr 87

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the Sezawal of Pergunnah Chowgong having been attacked at the Cutcherry by the Burcundofses belonging to the Zemindarry, I have thought it expedient to call upon the Commanding Officer at this station to support the officer sent to apprehend, the aggresor - Copy of my Letter upon the occasion to the Commanding Officer I enclose.-

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obt humble Servt

Dinagepore the 21st Novr 1787.-

[No. 243] To

WILLIAM COWPER ESQR

Acting President of the Khalsa

SIR

Under Cover I transmit the Imprefsions of the respectve Seals of such Zemindars as are in pofsefsion of and use Seals, together with the Signature of the Naibs and Vakeels, belonging to and at present officially employed in the several Mehals- The particulars required by the Board's Letter of the 28th of August are entered in the Margin opposite to the respective imprefsions and signatures.

I am,

Sir,

Your very Obt Humble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 22d Novr 1787.

[No. 244] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I now reply to your circular Letter of the 23d of October directing me to ascertain if any Land is held by or in the name of the Canongoes &ca

No Land is held under that discription in this District.

I am,

Gentlemen &ca

245] To DINAGEPORE the 24th November 1787

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue-

Gentln

I now reply to your Letter of the 6th Inst desiring to be informed when the Kefayet Batta became an article of the Jumma and to furnish an Estimate of the Profit of the Batta afsefsed and that paid for shroffage to render the Revenue Payment Sicca-

The Time when the Batta became an Article of the Jumma is so long since, as not to be accurately ascertainable- all I can learn relative to this point, is, that the afsefsment took place many Years previous to the Company's Accefsion to the Dewanny, and has been continued ever since.—

The Profit remaining after defraying the Charge of Shroffage in the Zemindarry of Dinagepore is more or lefs one anna in the Rupee or one half of the amount afsefsed, and in the Silberris Mehals the Surruff and Cumuzzun or Batta and Short Weight afsefsed as a part of the Jumma, is from one anna to one anna twelve Gundas, but at the annual adjustment of the Riauts accounts, an extra charge for Surruff Cumuzzun is made according to what the Zemindars afsert, the Shroffage to have actually been and which upon an average, makes the afsefsment under the article of Batta, amount in some Villages to one anna fifteen Gundahs, in others two annas more or lefs, and the Profit remaining to the Zemindar by this mode of adjustment, is about five Gundas or one fourth of an anna in the Rupee - - - -

I am,

Gentlemen &ca &ca

246] To DINAGEPORE the 28th November 1787

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts-

FORT WILLIAM

SIR,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogah's Reports in Persian with Translates for the Month of Mohurram Vizt

1st report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentences to the end of Mohurram-

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogah-

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Causes referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in the preceding Months upon former References-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's charge to be tried-

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

DINAGEPORE the 1st December 1787.

[No. 247] To

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQR

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dept

SIR,

The Balance of the Treasury account on the 30th November amounting to Sa Rs 10,064-3-2 is detained for the Payment of the Troops at this station-

I am,

Sir,

Your very obedient

hble Servant

Dinagepore the 1st Decr 1787

[No. 248] To

Mr William Hunter

Sir

The Board of Revenue having acceded to my request of deputing you to enquire into the nature of the obstructions which have contributed to close up the channel at the Influx from the River Teesta into the Rivers Attri & Purnabubba, you will be pleased to proceed to Contoomarry the spot where the embankment is formed and draw up a report of the state of it ;- I shall also be obliged to you for your opinion as to the best mode of removing it ——

I enclose copy of my Letter to the Board upon the subject- for your further information

I am

Sir

Your very obedt hble St

Dinagepore the 3d December 1787.

No. 249] To

George Charles Meyer Esq[R]

Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep[t]

Sir,

I this day received your Letter of the 22[d] of November

Your Letter dated the 11[th] of October, containing Jonkeeram Sing's answer, only reached me on the 24[th] of that Month, The Facts alledged by him being of so diffuse a nature- It has required much time to arrange my observations upon them, and I have only been able to attend to the subject at intervals when my other avocations admitted of it- My observations are now completed and I shall forward a fair transcript of them as soon as pofsible, and which I hope will be dispatched from this in the course of four or five days at farthest ——

I am, Sir &c[a]

Dinagepore the 5[th] Dec[r] 1787.

No. 250] To

Richard Johnson Esq[r]

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dep[t]

Sir,

The amount of S[a] R[s] 504,,-12-10- stated as received from Rauje kifsen Roy the Security of Nubcaunt, in the Register of Deposits for the month of August last was brought to Credit in the Towjee Account for Cartic and in the Treasury Account for November as directed by the Board of Revenue in their Letter of the 30[th] of October ——

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obed[t] hble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 8[th] December 1787

No. 251] To

John Shore Esq[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

The Bramins being afsembled to claim the Nukhud Birte - I request to know if it be the Board's Intention by the last Paragraph of their Letter, under Date the 13[th] November that the Birt should be ifsued as formerly,

DINAGKPORE the 19[th] Dec[r] 1787—

[**No. 257**] To

EDWARD HAY ESQ[R]

Secretary to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council.-

SIR

I have received your Letter of the 7[th] Instant.

It is certain that Mujenoo died at Muccunpore in the Pergunna of Bellour in the District of Canouge in the Dooub on the 15[th] of March last, and his Sirdar or Commander known by the name of Farragul has not made any inroads since the Month of February last, whom [*sic*] a Detachment from the Regiment then stationed here marched and drove a party of the Fakeers headed by a Chella of Mujenoo's named Madar Bux into the Jungles of Purrua and captured their ammunition &c[a]

I have long since entertained Spies for the purpose of ascertaining the Routes of the Fakeers, I found it the only mode, by which I could counteract their operations and prevent their depredations upon the Villages from being of any long duration.-

These Fakeers the adherents of Mujenoo and Moofsa Saw have no settled place of residence prior to the periodical Rains setting in they in general shape their course to the westward and travel to Mocunpore to celebrate the Anniversary of Saw Muddur, whose Dirga or Tomb is at Mocunpore.- Some of the inferior part of the Tribe prowl about the Districts without any visible means of obtaining a livelihood, but by begging alms and are ready to join any banditti.—

The mode which Suggests itself to me, as the best calculated for apprehending of the Leaders of these Bands, will be to endeavour and acquire secret and early intelligence of the spot where they may prop[*ose*] afsembling and by private communication with the Commanding Officer of the Regiment stationed at Taugepore and causing a proper disposition to be made of the Zemindarry Guards; come upon them by Surprize.-

If this Plan be approved of by his Lordship, it may be desirable that the Commanding Officer of the Regiment at Taugepore should receive particular instructions to concert, in conjunction with me the measures most likely to insure succefs.—

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient humble

Servant. -

258] To DINAGEPORE the 19th December 1787

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

I enclose Copy of a Sewal received from Doogaram Laharree the Sezawal deputed totake charge of the Collections of Pergunnah Burbuckpore 14 annas Share-

The Zemindar has been summons'd [sic] at three different periods to pay his Balance, but without Effect.- The Officer in charge of the several Dustucks could never meet with him ; and the Mocabolla Nevees has written to me that there are no accounts in the Cutcherry.

In order to remove the obstacles the Sezawal complains of, as being in the way of his duty, I have sent a Dustuck to bring up the Naib Radachurn Chaâkee-and with respect to the steps necefsary to be taken for obliging the Zemindar to produce his accounts, and the Baazee Zemeen Records, I shall await the Board's Directions—

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

humble fervant

259] Dinagepore the 29th December 1787

To

GEORGE CHARLES MEYER ESQ^R

Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep^t

Sir

I send enclosed, Copy of the Proceeding held in the Fougedarry Department previous to the arrival of any Drogha on the part of the Nazim-on the Charge of Medhoo ad^t Gumberra and others for Murder and in consequence of your Letter dated the 29th of October last enclosing a Petition presented by Shaik Medhoo at the Khalsa-and which was delivered at Dinagepore on the 1st Instant by Pike who could give no account of Medhoo the Petitioner-

I am Sir

Dinagepore the 29th December 87

[No. 260] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN

I now reply to your circular Letter dated the 12th of October last desiring I will transmit an account of the different species of Rupees circulating throughout the District with the usual Bazar rates of Batta upon each specifying the variations &ca-

In this District the currency is Sicca, Sonaut or Foolee Patnye and French Arcot Rupees and the rate of Batta upon each specie perpetually fluctuating The cause of the variations of the different Rate originates from the quantity of each specie brought into circulation- If the Demand by Merchants Golhdars and others for the Produce of the District be great, and sudden, and the Demand for Revenue inconsiderable, the rates of Batta fall- The usual rate of Batta upon these specie being current cannot accurately be ascertained, it is regulated in proportion to the Demand or otherwise for each particular Specie, and which in a great degree depends upon the quantity in circulation of each- but rating the Sicca Rupees as the Standard, for fixing the Bazar rate of Batta the average difference upon the five Specie current, may be stated at between fourteen and fifteen Gundas in the Rupee.

The relative proportions of the different Species in circulation throughout the Year from the verbal information of shroffs, and Merchants from whom I have made enquiries, may be rated as follows, about three parts in four Foolee or Sonnaut Rupees, and of the remaining one fourth ¾th French Arcots ⅛th Patnye and ⅛th Sicca

In commercial Transactions the purchase of the Articles of Produce of this District, Grain, Silk, Cloth and Jaygree, is chiefly made in Foolee Sonnauts, and French Arcots and the Revenue is paid in the five different specie

The circulation and Currency of these several species, subjects the Riaut and the Renter to some inconvenience, in as much, as that the rate of Batta upon each is arbitrary, and varies almost in every Village, but the benefit by this fluctuation in the rates of Batta is in favor of the commercial Body. who introduce these different sorts of Rupees in their Mercantile Transactions.-

It does not appear that there is any want of Specie in the District. but it might be very desirable to introduce a general Sicca Currency as that is the standard for the Revenue Receipts.-

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obt humble Servant

Dinagepore the 30th Decr 87-

261] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue-

Gentlemen,

Upon a Petition delivered by the Vakeel of Purgunna Barbucpore 14 annas Division, representing that Nunderam Saw, Ramkifshun Saw Gourung Saw and Saw Mamud of. Ballooburra in Purgunna Ketnoll were seizing of the Riauts of Barbucpore under the pretext of their having been formerly manufacturers of Salt petre or that the Ground, or Walls of their Habitations was proper for fabricating this Drug and harrafsing Them by these Pretences into contributions, I sent a Tullub for the Parties.- the consequence has been an opposition to the Officer in charge of the Summons and a notice from the Sezawal in the Purgunna of Barbucpore that Nunderam Saw &ca are Kutkurnadars holding the Saltpetre Mehal under the agents of his Highnefs the Nawaub Mobarruc-ul-Dowlah-

I enclose copy of the Petition & List of Names of the Riauts who complain of having been fined, and request the Board's directions thereon.-

I am Gentlemen

Your very Obedt hble Servt

Dinagepore the 31st Decr 1787

262] To

EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government

SIR

I refer to the enclosed, as containing a full account of the measures I have pursued for interupting, and if pofsible, apprehending the Insurgents

I would suggest to his Lordship the expedient of making an example upon the spot where ever they might be seized of some of the aggrefsors as being most likely to operate in deterring others from being guilty of Similar Acts-

A regular Procefs before the Criminal Court will I fear be attended with delay, from the nature of the investigation requisite to convert and bring to punishment and after all not strike so effectually at the root of the Evil, as the Mode above alluded to

I am Sir

[No. 263] To Dinagepore the 1st January 1788-

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQR

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dep^t

SIR,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st of December amounting to Sicca Rupees 10,155-15,,17- is detained for the Payment of the Troeps at this station

I am, Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Serv^t

[No. 264] To 2d January 1788.

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts -

SIR,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogha's Report in Persian with Transalates for the Month of Saffur Viz^t

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentences to the end of Saffur -

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogah

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Causes referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence.

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Fatwahs in the preceding months upon former References.-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's charge to be tried.—

I am,

Sir, &ca &ca

[No. 265] To Dinagepore the 5th January 1788

PETER SPEKE ESQR

Collector of Radshye

Sir,

I this day received your Letter of the 29th ulto enclosing a Petition from Sohobut Didarroo &ca Ryots of Purgunna Chopla - and have sent to the Person residing at the Saumgunge Factory for a reply.—

I am,

Sir,

Your very Ob^t humble Serv^t

266] Dinagepore the 5th January 1788

To

Mr Dundeer

residing at the Factory of Saumgunge - in Purgunna Suntose

Sir,

In consequence of a Letter received from the Collector of Radshye I desire you will send me a reply to the charge as setforth in the enclosed Copy of a Petition presented to Mr Speke by Sobut Poromanic Deedar-allee Sircar &ca Riauts of Buttoorea

I am,

Sir,

Your very obt humble Servt

267] Dinagepore the 7th January 1788

To

Mr James Christie

Presiding at apole in the Zemindarry of Dinagepore

Sir

By Command of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council I am directed to apprize you that after the 1st of next March no European being a British Subject not in the Company's service will be suffered to reside in the interior parts of the Country without having obtained the particular Licence of Government.

I am

Sir

The same written

Your very Obt Hble Servt

to Alexander Cruckshank

Residing at the same place

[**No. 268**]

Dinagepore the 7th January 1788.

To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

Kifsoonauth the Zemindar of Purgunna Barbucpore 14 annas and his Naib Radachurn Chaakee attended at the Cutcherry on the 31st Ulto in consequence of the Summons ifsued the 20th of Aughrun Copy of my Proceedings held upon the occasion I transmit for the Board's information.—

From the Sezawal's Account it appears that according to the Rozenamtcha of Radakifsen the Zemindar's Shomar Nevees SaRs 2365 - of the Collections made at the Cutcherry during the Months of Joit and Afsar, has been misappropriated I have sent directions to the Sezawal to prepare in conjunction with the Zemindar's Officers in the Mofufsil, a Wâaslaat of the Collection made from the Purgunna by the Naib Zemindar for the present Year.—

I am

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient humble Servt

[**No. 269**]

DINAGEPORE the 7th January 1788

To

EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government

Sir

In conformity to your circular letter of the 24th December last I transmit a list of the Europeans residing in this District.-

Mr James Christie residing in the Purgunnah of Apole and holding a Grant of Land made to him by the Committee of Circuit in the Year 1773.- This Gentleman, I understand in general has resided from that period upon his Lands and has established a Manufactory for Rum and Sugar, afsisted by a European named Alexander Cruckshank who is by profefsion a Cooper - as far as comes to my knowledge Mr Christie supports the Character of a peaceable person carrying on the Businefs of a Merchant and Alexander Cruckshank deports himself in his capacity as becoming the Character of a quiet person.-

John Lyndsay by profefsion a Carpenter came from Calcutta in the month of June last and follows his profefsion with his afsistant named Thomas Jones they are both, very sober and quiet behaved People. - - -

I have notified to the foregoing Persons th[..] they will not be suffered to reside in the interior parts of the Country after the first of March next, without a particular licence being granted to them by Government.-

M^{r} Thomas Roddy who is upon a visit with me, has been resident in Bengal upwards of two and twenty Years and in consequence of the publication ifsued by command of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council under date the 13th of March last sent in to the late Secretary M^{r} Bruere an Account of the capacity in which he arrived in India, and of the subsequent permifsion granted to him to remain in Bengal, copy of which I enclose

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^{t}

Dinagepore the 11th January 1788.

0] To

GEORGE UDNY ESQ^{R}

Resident at MALDA —

Sir,

With a view to prevent a great deal of trouble to you and me I request you will be pleased to instruct the Agents employed by you in this District to publish to the Manufacturers under Engagements or dependant upon the respective Coolies that the general and established rate of Afsefsment of the Village in which they reside must invariably be the standard for the payment of their Rents and that the Pottahs they at present pofsefs, if not framed according to this afsefsment will in future be deemed invalid as not containing what is the known, and just due of the Government.—

It may be proper to notify to your representatives that I will take special care to cause fit Pottahs to be granted to all Manufacturers who shall make application for them. - - - -

I am,

Sir,

Dinagepore the 12th January 1788.

[No. 271] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

In conformity to your instructions under date the 23d of October ulto I forward the Bauzee Zemeen Account, in abstract, the particulars are not yet compleately transcribed fair, but will be prepared to be conveyed by a Boat, in the course of a very few Days, they are too bulky for land conveyance.

I hope to be exonerated from any reproach for the delay in not transmitting these Records by the prescribed period, when I afsure the Board that from the fourth day subsequent to the receipt of their Letter, upwards of fifty Mohrers have been daily occupied in drawing them out.-

I am Gentlemen

Your very Obedient humble Servt

Dinagepore the 14th January 1788

[No. 272] To

MR DARELL

residing at the Factory of Saumgunge in Purgunna Suntose

Sir,

I addrefsed you under date the 5th Instant requesting reply to the Copy of a Petition I forwarded under Cover of a Letter sent in charge of a Peon, who has returned, but without any written acknowledgement from you, of the Receipt of it, I am now again to request you will be pleased to send me an answer, or if it be indispensible to await the instruction of the Resident at Malda - you will be pleased to inform me so in order that the Riauts at whose instance the Collector of Radshye referred the Petition may be furnished with an answer to their Complaint.

I addrefsed you under the name of Mr Dundeer owing to the mode of inserting your name in the Petition and till the Peon who conveyed it returned, I was not advised of the mistake.-

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servt

3] Dinagepore the 15th Janry 1788

To

ROBT ADAIR ESQR

Magistrate

BOGLEPORE

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 2d Inst and have in consequence sent to apprehend Doorgye, and when taken will send her to Boglepore - The Bearer of your addrefs upon this Subject, owing to the Plea of want of Maintenance, returns -

I am

Sir

&ca

74] Dinagepore the 15th Jany 1788

To

Edwd Hay Esqre

Secretary to the Government

Sir

To the Names of Europeans not in the Honble Company's Service residing in this District, be pleased to add the name of Mr T. H. Dingley residing at the Factory Saumgunge in Purgunna Suntose dependant upon the Factory at Malda.

I have notified to Mr Dingley that he will not be suffered to reside in the interior parts of the Country after the first of March next, without a particular licence being granted to him by Government.

I am fir

[No. 275] Dinagepore the 15th Jany 1788

To

MR T. H. DINGLEY residing at

Saumgunge in Purgunna Suntose in the

Zemindarry of DINAGEPORE

Sir

By Command of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, I am directed to apprize you, that after the 1st of March next ensuing, no European being a British Subject not in the Company's Service will be suffered to reside in the interior parts of the Country without having obtained the particular Licence of Government

I am Sir

Your very obedt hble fet

DINAGEPORE the 15th Jany 1788

[No. 276] To

MR T. H DINGLEY

residing at Saumgunge in Purgunna Suntose

Sir

I have been favored with your letter of the 14th instt- and must confefs, I am much embarrafsed with respect to the redrefs to be given to the Complainants, at whose instance I forwarded Copy of the Petition. The distrefs to the Weavers may certainly induce a temporary Embargo being laid upon the Exportation of grain but the operation of it cannot be admitted to effect the purchasers, who shall have already bought- previous to any regular prohibition of the exporting of grain taking place, and ultimately, must be an act authorized and enforced by the proper Officers of Government- however as it appears you have taken the step complained of, in consequence of directions from Mr Bony I hope he will fall upon some measure to satisfy the Radshye Riauts and put a period to a very irksome correspondence to

Sir

Your very obedt hble St

DINAGEPORE the 15th January 1788

77] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

I now reply to your circular Letter of the 18th of August directing my attention to three principal Points as preparatory to forming a general settlement

The first the JUMMA

The 2d the Person with whom the settlement is to be made.-

3d the Rules for preventing opprefsions in the Riauts by the Zemindars and Farmers as well as Collusions amongst the latter tending to defraud the Zemindars and Farmers of their just demands.

It appears that the Jumma of the Zemindarry of Dinagepore has paid at a fixed rate from the Year 1181 to the Year 1183 B. S. in which year and the Succeeding an increase was obtained by Farm of S^a R^s 2,00,000- upon each of these years, that in the year 1190 the former Jumma of S^a R^s 14,60,444-12,, 12,, 2- was reverted to with an annual deduction of S^a R^s 1,84,,476-2- granted for Moshairra and Akrajaut, that this charge upon the Jumma was invariably admitted of from the year 1179 to the Year 1192 when on Account of the Moshairra being resumed in the Month of Maug of that Year the allowance to the Zemindar amounted to 1,46,976,,2- but that in the Year 1193 the Settlement was made at the same rate of Jumma as the former year and the allowance of 34,476-2- Granted to the Zemindar for Akrajaut- The Jumma & Receipts of this Zemindarry.- From the year 1179 the period of the Settlement made by the Committee of Circuit down to the year 1193 will I believe upon comparison with the Khalsa Records be found to be accurately rated as follows.-

	Jumma	Receipts	Allowance the Zamindar-
1179.	17,55,710-10-1,,2	14,05,585,,13,,12,,2	1,84,444-2-----
1180.	18,28,061,,15,,12,,2	13,52,150,,15,,10,,2	1,84,444,,2 ---
1181.	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	12,39,236,,11,, ,,	1,84,444,,2 - -
1182.	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	12,75,968,,10,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1183	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	12,75968,,10,,12,,2	184444,,2 ,, -
1184	1460,444,,12,,12,,2	12,75,968,,10,,12,,2	184444,,2 ,, -
1185	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	12,75968,,10,,12,,2	1,84444,,2 ,, -
1186	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	1275968,,10,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1187	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	12,75968,,10,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1188	16,60,444,,12,,12,,2	16,60,444,,12,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1189	16,60,444,,12,,12,,2	16,60,444,,12,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1190	14,60,444-12,,12,,2	12,75968,,10,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1191	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	12,75968,,10,,12,,2	1,84,444,,2 ,, -
1192	14,60,444,,12,,12,,2	13,13,468,,10,,12,,2	[illegible]

From the foregoing statement it appears that the highest rate of Taxation fell considerably short in the Receipts and that the Jumma excepting the two Years the Zemindarry was left to Farm has been continued at a fixed rate

The Revenues of this Zemindarry are for the most part received by the Zemindar thro' the medium of Naibs or agents sent into every Purgunna and by them from Farmers and Kutkinndars; The original Jumma or Rent-roll has decreased from several Causes, the chief of which is the Manœuvre that has been in practice for many years by the Mundulls Poramanicks and principal inhabitants of the Villages who under the plea of real or fictitious desertions of the Riauts have got into their posfesfion Considerable Tracts of Ground at an under rated afsefsment upon Moocta Potta and the original established rate or Nirk, has become almost absolete.-

The reduction of the Jumma is further connived at by the Zemindarry Officers & Farmers who find their advantage at the close of the year in fabricating the accounts and granting releases short of the Revenue actually received-

And to these General Causes is to be ascribed the annual custom of imposing new Taxes in Order that the Zemindar may Collect Sufficient to make good his Engagements to Government and support the Zemindarry and his own Expences.—

The only considerable Grant of Land come to my Knowledge as being held under Lease for any Term of Years at a reduced rate of afsefsment is 10,000- Begas in the Zemindarry of Dinagepore granted to Mr James Christie upon Lease to bring into cultivation. The exact date when the Grant was made or the rate it is Rented at I have not been able to trace; but from general information the grant was made by the Committee of Circuit- when they made the settlement of Dinagepore.-

With respect to the Jumma to be hereafter fixed for this Zemindarry I am of Opinion that it should be fixed at the rate of S^a R^s 14,60,444--

I mention this specific sum for the Jumma as I am convinced (at least at present) that more could not be easily paid to the Government without leaving the Zemindarry unprovided with Funds for defraying the necefsary Establishments. - The charges Collections in the Mofufsil ought to be preserved at the present rate of 42,000 R^s the annual charge attending the making the Collections from 55 Purgunnah besides Contingencies which accrue such as occasional Tyenauhs to patrole the District, and protect the Riauts- and of fixed Tyenaats in the several Pergunna Cutcherries these are Services that cannot well be dispensed with, and for the defraying of which it is necefsary to provide, as the Chakraan Lands are chiefly granted to Pikes and servants immediately employed in attending upon the Collections- I am of Opinion the Provision for the foregoing Establishments including 42,000 R^s for the usual charges of Collections cannot well be rated at a lefs sum than 60,000- R^s P^r Annum according to this Calculation it will be necefsary the Zemindarry should annually yeild Rupees 15,62,000 - and this to be effected, by a regular and fair afsefsment of the Lands which has hitherto never been the case, for in the Years when the most has been

received from the Country it has been realized by additional Taxes imposed under various pretexts and upon a promise that they should be only Temporary

The Expences of the Zemindarry Household the maintenance of the Raja and the numerous dependants and relations of former Zemindars have been this year defrayed from the grofs payments into the Zemindar's Cutcherry and the Disbursements made with the strictest Œconomy- The Zemindar being at present but a youth, it may be proper in deciding upon the sum for the Jumma to be paid in future to the Government, to consider that in proportion as he advances towards a state of Manhood the same scanty establishment which now Obtains for his support, may and indeed will be very inadequate then.- The usual method of increasing his funds lefs practicable from the Operation of a more regular and permanent system of levying the Rents- It might therefore be incumbent to leave an ample provision, to him to support upon a moderate scale his own Expences, and maintain the Dependants of his ancestors, and thereby remove the inducement (which might otherwise exist) to connive at infringing the Rules and ordinances which shall be in force for preserving an equal general and fixed afsefsment of the Country.

The under rated Lands as yet are not ascertained and in the Event of a regular mode of afsefsment being introduced the articles of tax which are component parts of the present Mofufsil Jumma must undergo alteration & some be altogether abolished, for in this Zemindarry as in most the ability of the Peasantry to pay the demands upon them has been little enquired into– and the only rule I can judge by of the Truth or otherwise in all cases where the Riauts complain of over exaction is the General practice they are in of withdrawing their complaints upon a Measurement being ordered as by relinquishing of the Prosecution they tacitly avow that they hold Land at an under rates value which they carefully avoid being examined into.- and the present state of cultivation throughout the District corrobarates [*sic*] the Fact.-

I submit these conclusions to the Board as arising from the reflection I have made upon the easiet [*sic*] mode of introducing a regular system of fixing and levying the Rents with a prospect of permanency.- Time and unremitted perseverance will be required to give it full and due Operation - and the Jumma for each respective Zemindar to pay should be so rated as to admit of his attention being chiefly applied to the introducing of those objects by which alone a fair system for making of his Collections may in future be established.- To convince the Riaut that the Land he holds or shall hereafter Rent shall be cefsed at specific rate.- and the Tenure between him & the Receiver be so clear and explicit as to bar all doubt or deception to ascertain to the Zemindar Farmer or others the fair Rent they have to demand, and to establish such rules as shall prevent all pofsibility of their receiving more, to revive & introduce the Original Nirk for the different qualities of Land - to ascertain to the Riauts the nett amount including abwaabs, and fix the rate of Batta upon the specie of Rupee he is to pay will be a Task the Board will admit, will not merely require time to perform,

but great perseverance and some share of ability in the Zemindar and manager to render compleat.

It is a fact well known that the Afsul Jumma particularly in the Zemindarry of Dinagepore has been gradually and annually decreasing and that Mhatoot have been the greater part of the afsets, from which the Revenues for these some years past have been realized. The cause I believe to have originated from the management in the native Officers being weak and corrupt and the Principal Riauts, by these means having obtained Lands upon their own Terms.-

The Zemindar of Dinagepore is a youth aged about 11 years and his Naib Ramcaunt Roy in every respect qualified for the management of the Zemindarry.-

PURGUNNA SILBERRIS eight annas the share written in the name of Rezzie ul dien appears to be rated at an increased Jumma since the year 1188 and has paid at that rate with very little variation to the present period- The Jumma of S^a R^s 22,983.10.9. as it stands rated in the Account Settlement for the present year I recommend to be continued, as the Lands I hear are in a high state of Cultivation and with proper management may be realized without difficulty - the Zemindar reaps a separate maintenance from the Neize Talooks and the cause of this Zemindarry being held in Farm for the present year.- I understand, to have been owing to a difsention between the surviving Widow of Rezzie-ul dien and her Naib who on that Account declined attending at the Sudder to Sign the Engagement for his Principal.-

This Zemindarry it may be proper to place under the Management of Sied Buddieul zman who is a relation of Rezzieuldien and is Farmer for the present year upon his binding himself by separate engagements to maintain the Widow of Rezzieuldien and her Family, during the period he shall hold the Management & to restore the Zemindarry unimpaired, free of all claims to the Heir who is now a Minor upon his becoming of age.- The son of Rezzieul dien ahatta Hufsein aged about 36 years is & has been I understand from his Birth a natural, His son named Ackbar Hufsein commonly called Niha Meha is aged about 12 years, and Managing Naib Sereenauth Nooguee, a Bramin constantly at variance with the Widow and annually by his fraudulent administration of the Revenues, involving the Zemindarry in Debt -

PURGUNNAH SILBERRIS the eight anna Division written in the Name of Sied Golaum Sultan is rated in like manner with the foreging share at an increased Jumma since the year 1188 Sied Golaum Sultan is the eldest son of Sied Buddieulz'man and the Engagements have been punctually fulfilled,- I am of Opinion that the Jumma as it stands rated for the present year at S^a R^s 20,567-4- should be continued. The Person at present in the Management of course stands foremost as being a very proper and capable Person to be continued.-

TURRUFF KURRIE written in the name of Gunga Luckinarrain rated for the present year at the Jumma of S^a R^s 5,869,, 11,, 10 and held in Farm by Sied Buddieul zman-. The Zemindars are Hurnath the adopted Son of Gunganarrain and Samchund the Son of Luckinarrain, and reside in their Zemindarry of Momunsing no Person on their part attended to make the

Settlement and the Turruff being contiguous to the Zemindarry of Purgunnah Silberris Sied Buddieulz'man became the Farmer - The Jumma as above rated may be continued as the Farmer has paid up the Kists without difficulty and without complaints against him-and if the Zemindars or their authorized Agents shall decline it the Management at the ensuing Settlement, the best mode will be, to continue the present Farmer in the management.-

TURRUFF KURRIE written in the name of Gopaul Kifsore rated for the present year at S^a R^s 60,69-11-10.- Similar circumstances attended this division as did the former, and the Farmer Sied Buddie ul zman has paid up the Kists without any Complaints from the Ryots.- This Jumma I recommend to be continued - and in the Event of the Zemindars or their authorized agent declining the tender which will of course be made to them by the usual and customary Publication the Mahal to be lett in Farm the present Proprietor Jugul Kifsore Roy the adopted son of Gopaul roy and Narraun the surving [*sic*] Wife of Kifsore, reside in their Zemindarry of Momunsing

TURRUFF BEHAR written in the name of Sied Abooturrab rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 11,972-1,, 4 and has paid thro' the Farmer Sied Buddie ulz man I recommend that this Jumma be continued - the Jumma of 1188 was rated at 12317,, 13,, 5- & the reduced amount it now stands rated at, is I understand owing to some portions cf land being made Kharridye from the Turruff, but the canongoes can give me no information upon the Subject, and I have no Official Records to appeal to.-

This Zemindarry belongs to four Partners Muzzer Hufsien Maasker Hufsein Imaum Bux & Abboo Talum the two latter proprietors of the 7 annas share are Minors & the two former pofsefsors of the nine anna Division incapable from their indolent mode of life to manage the Zemindarry for the year 1193 the settlement was made with the Zemindars but paid thro' a Malzamin, & for the present, from no Offer being made on the part of the Zemindars, was placed in Farm- and it may (owing to the foregoing circumstances) be proper to continue the same mode of Management for the ensuing Settlement.-

PURGUNNA BARBUCPORE 14 annas rated for the present year at S^a R^s 19,465-10-7 It appears that in the year 1187 the Jumma for both Division which then paid under one Zemindar was rated at 22,817-14-2 and that in the Year 1188 an increase was made of R^s 2,500-14-16-2 that a Division of the Zemindarry took place in the Year 1189. at which period the Rufsud of the increase upon the 14 annas share was relinquished, but that of the 2 anna Division continued- The Jumma of the 14 anna share from the year 1189 to the year 1192 was rated at 19.965,,10,,7 that an increase was put upon the Jumma of 1,192,-of 1,500-R^s and that in the year 1193 a remifsion was granted of 2,000 R^s as the Naib afserts upon the Plea of the Lands not being in a state to pay the Jumma and on which account the Zemindar had relinquished the Management for the former year but even with this remifsion the Zemindar has failed in his Engagements for the present year & a Sezawal sent to take charge of the Collections - The real cause of the failure I firmly believe to be owing to bad Management and not to the Purgunnah being over rated It has been proved that a part of the

afsets in the Mofufsil have been embezzled and the Collections not made as is the general practice at the Cutcherry but partly managed at the Zemindar's place of Residence an account of which is not yet obtained - The Jumma was realized last year to within a small amount and the Lands for the the present year by the sezawal's accounts by no means dificient in cultivation - and no reason afsigned by the Naib why this share of the Zemindarry should be released from bearing its proper portion or Rufsud of the Increase placed upon the Jumma in the year 1188 and which the two anna Zemindar has constantly paid.- I therefore recommend, that the Jumma for the ensuing Settlement be rated as follows

The Jumma of 1193	19,465,,10.7 – –
Proportion of the Increase of- 2500,,14-16.2 Obtained in 1188 to be resumed	2,250,, – 5,,2
Difference between the Remifsion granted in 1193 and the Increase of 1192 - - -	500– – –
Jumma proposed for the ensuing Settlem^t	22,215-10-12-2

Some alteration in the Kistbundee may be necefsary as a larger portion of the Receipts in this Purgunna than in any of the Mehals in Silberris depend upon the Boora Fufsul and of course only to be realized towards the close of the Year -

The Management it will be desirable to continue with the zemindar if practicable, but he ought to be Obliged to select another Naib for this Trust in lieu of the Person at present filling this Office whose conduct I understand has been uniformly bad from the time he has been in the Management & in the Event of the zemindars refusing to accede to the Terms - I recommend the two anna Zemindar Cofsinaut to be appointed to the Management.-

Purgunna Barbucpore two anna Division Cofsinauth Zemindar the Jumma for the present year rated at S^a R^s 3,103-2-6 - & brought forward from the year 1189.-

Jumma 1187	2852-3,,15
Portion of Increase added upon the Jumma of Purgunna in 1188.	250-14-11
	3,103-2-6

this rate has been regularly paid from the year 1189 the Lands of this Division as likewise of all Mehals in general from the information of the officers who have been deputed upon different Duties into Silberris appears to be in a good state of Cultivation the Kist punctually paid up & no Complaints of overexaction against the Zemindar, The Jumma I propose should be continued at the present rate and the Management of course remain with the Zemindar Cofsinanth.-

Purgunna Choura rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 1843-5-3- I propose this Jumma to be continued for the same reasons as are stated for fixing that of the foregoing Purgunna and the management remain with Ramsunker the Zemindar.-

KISMUT BARBUCPORE the share of Brijoo Duloll rated at S^a R^s 1,887-15-6 this Jumma may be continued at the present rate the Zemindar pays up regularly and I understand reaps a suitable maintenance from the surplus Collections Brijoo Duloll the Zemindar is himself the manager and execute his Engagements with the Government.-

KISMUT BARBUCPORE the share written in the name of Sheebchurn rated at S^a R^s 490-15-10 this Jumma is regularly paid by the Proprietor Rogonauth the son of Sheochurn and the lands but of a small extent

The Jumma as above I propose to be continued and the Management to remain with the Zemindar.-

KISMUT BARBUCPORE written in name of Mahomed Hufsein rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 659.7.10. and is paid up regularly- This is a small portion of Land and belonging to four Partners the Jumma I recommend to be continued at the above rate because I do not believe in this Kismut or in the others, that the afsets are more than sufficient to pay the Jumma, and support the Expences of the Zemindars and their establishments- The Management it may be proper to continue with the Naibs as at present, but under restrictions to be responsible in their Persons & property for the fulfiling of the Engagements.-

KISMUT BARBUCPORE written in the name of Nund Kifsore rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 423,, 10,, 5,, this Kismut is a smaller Portion of land than the foregoing and in like manner affords a moderate Profit to the proprietor, after providing for the dues to Government - The Jumma should remain as rated for the present year, and the Management remain with the present Surviving Zemindar Ramcaunt the Son of Nund Kifsore

KISMUT BARBUCPORE written in the name of Joynarrain rated at S^a R^s 166-7- this Kismut consists of a lefs quantity of Land than the former and is afsefsed accordingly, it will therefore be proper to let this Jumma be engaged for at the ensuing Settlement, and Kifsenchund Chuckerbutty the son of and succefsor to Joynarrain to continue his Engagements as usual.

KISMUT BARBUCPORE written in the name of Chundernarrain rated for the present year at the Jumma of S^a R^s 122 1,, 5- which I recommend to be continued as being cefsed according to the comparative proportion it bears in point of Land with the foregoing Kismuts, they are all of them small portions of what was formerly an eight annas Division of the Purgunna of Barbucpore - This Kismut belongs to two Partners and the Management has been confided to the Lands of their Naib Omracaunt Nooguee by whom the Engagements for the present year were executed. -

TURRUFF KHALLOO written in the name of Radachurn & rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 1151-8,, 13 this Jumma as far as I can Judge, from the account of the Zemindar Buddil ulzman, from whose share of the Purg^na of Silberris it was made Kharridge, is fairly rated, and can continue to pay this Jumma, and leave a proper maintenance to the proprietors.- The Turruff belongs to two Partners and the Management in the Mofufsil is carried on by them, Gopeechurn, & Loll Beharree and their authorized Naib executes the annual Engagements for them at the Sudder.-

TURRUFF KIFSENPORE written in the name of Sied Akil rated at S^a R^s 463-15-15-2 this Talook belongs to Imaun Bux the son of Sied Akil is rated at

a fair Jumma, and may be continued upon the Ground of its affording a support to the Zemindar who is in middling circumstances and pays his Kists regularly - he is the entire Manager in the Mofufsil and the Land he holds I understand is in a flourishing state.-

TURRUFF PARTAUBPORE written in the name of Dholegovind S^a R^s 421-10-17-1 is the Jumma, from what information I can obtain from the Canongues Officers, at which it has been fixed from the time this Turruff was made Kharridge from the Purgunna of Silberris. It appears to be a small portion of land brought by the proprietor at the time the Purgunna from which it has been separated fell in Balance sahebram Dofs was the purchaser and Dholegovind his Grandson is the Proprietor - he lives in the Purgunnah of Futtysing- & his Naibs Shaik Myhabulla and Shaikh Zadda are his managers at the sudder and in the Mofufsil they are Inhabitants of the Turruff- and I recommend that the Settlement for the ensuing Year be made as usual with them in the Zemindar's name with an additional Instrument to be executed by them binding their own Persons, and Property to make good the Engagements

TURRUFF MOOTRAPORE written in the name of Rogoo Ram Mifser chundee, rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 389- -15-. This Turruff is composed of six Mozahs made Kharridge from the Purgunna of Dhattea Jangueepore, jointly purchased by Rogonauth roy, Rammifser roy, and Chundeechurn nundee.- the Jumma of this Turruff has been continued at the Rate it now stands, from the year 1188 and has paid regularly- I recommend this rate of Jumma to be continued- and the Engagements to be taken from the Zemindars as usual.-

TURRUFF BOGLAGARRY written in the name of Radakifsen, rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 623-5-8- at which it appears to have paid for many years I propose it to be continued at this rate for the ensuing Settlement- The Proprietor Colly caunt resides in his Zemindarry of Chinasohn and his Engagements to the Government usually executed by his authorized Vakeel.-

TURRUFF POWGOTCHA engaged for the present year at the Jumma of S^a R^s 4,388-4-8- written in the name of Sied Afsid z'man the Youngest son of Sied Buddie ulz'man, and consists of small portions of lands purchased at different periods and made Kharridge under this Title,- It appears upon the face of the Tahud for this Turruff executed for 1193. to the former Collector of Silberris than and addition of a Moza called Chapandeiñ paying in the year 1192- to the Zemindars of Turruff Behar, under the discription of Muscooree belonging to Sied Afsidz'man was made Kharridge, & the Jumma annexed to that of Turruff Powgotcha, I believe the afsefsment of this Turruff to be fair, and recommend it to be continued - the management is in the hands of Sied Buddie ulz'an his son Afsidz'man being a Child.-

PURGUNNA DHATTEA JANGIPORE written in the name of Sereemunt Calcapursaud, and rated at the Jumma of S^a R^s 5,704-3-13-2 this Purgunna is belonging to five Partners-Viz^t - Shusteedar and Anundomji Chowdraine in pofsefsion of Sereemunts share of eight an^s- Luckeeram, Cofsipursaud, and Kirteenarrain proprietors of equal shares of Calcapursauds Portion.- this

Jumma I propose should be engaged for, at the ensuing settlement, as it appears to be that, at which it was rated by the Farmer in the year 1188 & no objections being made at the time of signing the Engagements for the present Year, it is just to conclude that that the afsfsment is fair-Two Naibs on the part of the Partners execute the Engagements and pay the Revenue punctually, and the Widow Anundmye is taken care of by her adopted son Ram Roodre.-

TURRUFF DOOBRA written in the name of Sied Nudjeib and rated at the Jumma for the present year of S^a R^s 1,274-1,, 12- from the year 1177. to the year 1188 the Jumma of this Turruf was fixed at R^s 1,349-1.12 - in the year 1188. it appears a trifling remifsion of R^s 10- was granted but on what account, is not to be traced from the year 1189. the Jumma was continued at 1,339-1-12- to the Year 1192. when an increase took place of R^s 235- and the Jumma for that year was rated at R^s 1,574-1-12- but upon the Zemindars representing that his Lands were overrated & the increase had not been collected a deduction was granted of R^s 300- I propose that the amount of - R^s 65- the difference between the amount of the increase and the sum remitted be resumed & that the Jumma for the insuing settlement be rated as follows.-

Jumma for 1194 - - - -	1,274-1-12- -
Portion of the remifsion resumed	65- -
Proposed Jumma for the ensuing Settlem^t	1,339-1-12-

Commerodie is incapable of the management and his lands have always been entrusted with his Naibs- This Turruff was in Balance last year, & from no person attending on the part of the Zemindar at the time of making the settlement for the present Year it was lett in Farm- For the ensuing Settlement the same mode of Management may be preferable to be adopted.-

TURRUFF IANCA 12- annas written in the name of Hurriram Acharge rated for the present year at the Jumma of S^a R^s 7,530-8-19- From the year 1177. to the year 1184. was rated at the Jumma of 19,562-6-17-1 in the year 1185- a remifsion was granted of 7.987-13-1- (the causes of which I cannot trace having no Records to appeal to) and the Jumma from that Year to the year 1188. was rated at 11,575-10.4- in which year an increase was made by the Farmer of R^s 4,999-3-8- In the year 1192- the shares were separated and the Jumma for that year of this Turruff was rated at 13,181-12-12- and a remifsion was granted in 1193- of S^a R^s 5,651-3-13- the Pleas as preferred by the Zemindars Naibs Appears from all the information I can collect to have induced only a temporary suspension being granted untill the Truth of the Reasons alledged should have been investigated, by an examination into the Hustobood accounts of an Aumeen who had been deputed into the Mofufsil in the year 1192- & to make the Hustobood and the Collections the deficiency in the Latter as stated in the Aumeen's Accounts, the Zemindars claimed the remifsion of.- This Turruff and the following is wholly under the Management of Naibs and I am of opinion that as the Deduction claimed is so very

Harree or equallized, the Poor pay at the same rate for his Lands as the Rich and the complicated and almost un-intelligible system of Nirk- abwaab, and every specie of unlawful Exaction levied under whatever Titles or pretences, be done away.- I have canvafsed over this subject repeatedly with the Persons reputed the most conversant with the Habits & usages of the Riauts and they all are of Opinion that any other mode of introducing Pottahs cannot be prosecuted with succefs.- The Nirk upon which the afsul Jumma is established According to the present practice of levying the Rent has fallen in its rate, and for Centuries, I understand, has been in a constant state of fluctuation- and the Abwaabs have been multiplied in proportion as the Nirk has disminished- They are both entered in the Riauts Potta the latter being consolidated whenever the articles become too numerous to be particularized- The Riaut Obtains his Land at a reduced Nirk, as it is an Object with him to get the afsul fixed at as low a rate as pofsible, and this they have effected by a scene of constant Collusion, subjecting themselves by it to what is erroneously termed a temporary afsefsment on the score of Jumma Millownee- the Plea under which the annual unauthorized Taxes are levied and to which the Riauts is Obliged to contribute more or lefs.-

These Facts tend to confirm that a Harree afsefsment is the only fundamental rule that can be fixed upon, for the introducing of Pottahs with any hope of their being attended with the Effect required- The difficulty Ramcaunt roy has experienced in making the Mofufsil Settlement of the Zemindarry of Dinagepore for the present year, led him to deliver in a Dhur Kâast to remedy if pofsible the subsisting evils he complains of and being so applicable to the present subject- I have inserted a Copy with Translate for the Board's Information, marked N° 3.-

The only difficulty I apprehend will accrue to the introducing of Pottahs will be the Idea, which the Riauts will be imprefsed with, by the managing Officers in the Mofufsil, whose sources of Benefit will be greatly curtailed from the rent of the Riaut being afsefsed upon a fixed and known Principle- The Farmers, and Kutkinnadars will also have an Interest in opposing the system, as they will be affected by it, in as much, that there will no longer exist any necefsity for their interference. —

However the succefs of this, or any other system for the establishing of the Pottahs, and rendering the introduction of them general, will in great degree depend upon the early adoption of it- if the ensuing Settlement, be to be commenced with the approaching Year, the measures preparatory, such as arranging and ascertaining the Proportion, the afsefsment upon each Purgunna Talook &c^a^ will bear to the Bega of Land in pofsefsion of the Riaut, should be entered upon without Lofs of time- and after this shall have been adjusted, a certain Time should be granted for the drawing of the Pottahs & delivering them out to the Riauts & in order effectually to enforce the regular delivery of them to the Riauts it might be desirable to annex a Penalty to the first Instance of neglect after the expiration of a fixed period to be granted for the general introduction of the Pottahs- and to notify that no Potta whatever without having been registered by the Collector shall be valid.

The foregoing general Remarks & observations have resulted from my own local observations or been grounded upon circumstances which have arisen out of Matters coming cursorily before me since my appointment of Collector to this District. The want of more substantial documents to guide my researches & to enable me to comply in a more complete manner with the spint [*sic*] as well as Letter of the Board's Instructions I have to lament ; and hope that whereever I may seem or actually prove to be defective in information upon any of the specific Points required, my Letter under Date the 29th of August 1787. may be appealed to as containing the real cause.-

I have the Honor to be &ca

78] To Dinagepore the 21st Jany 1788

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of Moorshedabad

Sir

I beg leave to refer you the accompanying Petition from Sied Buddieulz'man the Zemindar of Silberris for enquiry & if the Parties alledged to be in confinement should prove to have been seized by the Sirdar (Terrickulla) that you will please forthwith to ifsue a Purwana to the Zemindar to cause Them to be released, and in future to prohibit similar Practices at the same time notifying to him - that thro' you, or by any direct applications, all just claims against the Inhabitants in this District will be (as is customary with me to do) duely attended to and ample redrefs given in all cases when the claim may admit of it.-

I am
Sir
Your very obt humble
Servant. —

79] To Dinagepore the 23d Jany 1788

BURRISH CRISP ESQR

Register to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut

Sir,

The Rule of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut in the Suit of Ramloochan roy Appellant & Joogutkishore roy Respondent arrived yesterday, and I pray for further time to be extended for the return of it - of one Month from the period prescribed, in Order that I may be enabled to translate the Exhibits in this suit and which are voluminous so as to accompany the return of the Rule, as Ordered. -

I am,
Sir,
Your very obt
humble Servant

Dinagepore the 24th Jany 1788

No. 280] To

George Udny Esq^r

Resident at Malda -

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 8th instant enclosing Petition from the Weavers under Chundanarrain, and will enquire into the circumstances setforth, upon the arrival of any Person properly authorized by the Weavers, to prosecute.

I imagine my being at a distance from Dinagepore has been the reason of Chundanarrains not attending, -

I am, Sir,

Your very Obedient

humble servant

Dinagepore the 24th Jany 1788

No. 281] To

George Udny Esq^r

Resident at Malda

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 19th Instant upon the subject of the Petition referred to me by the Collector of Radshiye. -

It appears that the interposition which gave rise to the Complaint was irregular, as had it been necefsary to prohibit the exportation of Grain, the Officers of Government should have been applied to upon the occassion. -

With respect to the appraisement of the Grain taken from the Complainants, they evidently are dissatisfied with it, and sue for further compensation. The Persons who presented the Reference returned to Radshiye upon my informing them they should be made acquainted with the reply to their Petition, and to that end shall transmit your Letter to the Collector.-

Your notice is the first I have receiv'd of any Monopoly of Grain being carried on - The Price of Rice I know is enhanced owing to the exportation being considerable, but I do not subscribe to your conclusion that a scarcity of this article was to be apprehended.- I shall make enquiry into this circumstance

The Weavers are the chief cultivators of Rice in the Purgunnahs of Muhanagur & Beristole Situated to the northward of Malda, and if the Price of Grain be advanced in this quarter, I fear it must arise from their not bringing of it to a fair Markit [*sic*]

I shall be very thankful by your communication of any evils which actually do, or may Subsist within my Jurisdiction, and request you will trust to me for the application of a remedy.—

I am,

Sir,

Your very Ob^t humble servant

Dinagepore the 24^th January 1788

82] To

JOHN WHITE ESQ^R

Remembrancer of the Criminal Court

FORT WILLIAM -

SIR

Accompanying I transmit you the Daroghas Reports in Persian with Translates for the month of Rubbieul Owal - - - -

1^st Report or List of Prisoners confined under sentence to the end of Rubbieul Owal-

2^d Report or List of Prisoners on whom sentence has been pafsed by the Darogha.-

3^d Report or List of Prisoners tried & their Cause referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence-

4^th Report or List of the Nazims Fatwahs in preceding month upon former References-

5^th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogha's Charge to be tried.-

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble fervant

Dinagepore the 26th Jany 1788.-

283] To Robert Adair Esq^R

Magistrate

Boglepore

Sir

In consequence of your application under date the 2d Instant Doorgije has been apprehended and is now sent to you under charge of Allum Sing the Foujedarry Officer-

In the event of no further necefsity existing for detaining of Doorgije than merely the taking of the evidence which may be required from Her, I request you will cause her to be released as soon as pofsible, she having left a Family unprovided for, during her absence.-

I am, Sir,

Your very Ob^t humble Servant

Dinagepore the 30th January 1788—

284] To

John Shore Esq^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter under Date the 22d Instant transmitting Copy of the Orders of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council on my Letters of the 3d and 18th Ultimo- and in conformity thereto have written to Major Maitland, revoking the Instructions formerly sent to him —

I am,

Gentlemen &c^a—

Dinagepore the 1st February 1788—

285] To

John Shore Esq^r

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I enclose Copy with Translate of a Durkhaast and Waddabundee presented by Kifsoonauth the Zemindar of Purgunnah Burbuckpore 14 annas Division—

I have acceded to the Terms offered by Kifsoonauth for the liquidation of the Balance provided they shall be approved of by the Board ; and I request to be favored as early as pofsible with the Board's final determination. - In the interim, the amount tendered by the Security will be held in deposit. -

Bancharam the Person offered as Security is a Merchant residing in Dinagepore and reputed to be a responsible man-

A Jumma Wafsil Baakee Account is annexed—

I am,

Gentlemen &c^a —

Denagepore the 1st Feby 88

86] To

Richard Johnson Esq^r

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dep^t

Sir,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st of January amounting to S^a R^s 20,845-1-17- is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taugepore.-

I am,

Sir,

Your very Ob^t

humble Serv^t

Dinagepore the 1st February 1788.

87] To

John Shore Esq^r

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of the 28th of December transmitting the confirmation of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council of the final Sentence of the Faugedarry Court relative to the Robbery committed at the Factory of Jaggurnauthpore - and have in consequence called upon the Zemindar of Dinagepore for the Payment of that part of the contribution to be levied from his Zemindarry which when received I will transmit due notice of, and in the interim of waiting the Board's Directions hold it in deposit as directed.

I am Gentlemen &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 4th Febry 1788

. 288] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue -

Gentlemen-

I now have to inform you that I have received from the Naib Zemindar of Purgunna Havellee Pinjeerra &ca Rs 1,346,, 9,, 5 - The amount directed to be levied from the Zemindarry as a part of the Penalty inflicted account of the Robbery committed at the Factory of Jaggurnauthpore, and in conformity to your directions under date the 28th December last. —

I am Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

humble Servant —

DINAGEPORE the 5th February 1788

. 289] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In conformity with your Directions under Date of the 22d Ultimo I transmit herewith in English & Persian a Jumma Wafsil Baukee—

The Balance due from the Zemindar of Pergunna Burbuckpore 14 annas is in Train for liquidation, upon the Board's acceding to the Terms offered by the Zemindar which I transmitted the 1st Instant for their final determination--

For the recovery of the whole or part of the Amount of the Balance due from Pergunnah Chowgong and established against the Naib Gowreecaunt as setforth in my Proceedings forwarded to the Board the 10th of November last- I recommend, that the Talook belonging to the Naib Gowreecaunt, named Culburria, situate in Purgunna Culburria in the Zilla of Moorshedabad, be attached.- The Zemindar Roodercaunt is a youth and the entire Management of his Zemindarry has been entrusted for these many Years past to Gowreecaunt his Mofufsil Naib.

The remaining Balance upon the Jumma, due from the District, I have every reason to afsure the Board, will be realized by the prescribed periods for paying up the Kists.—

I am,

Gentlemen- &ca

Dinagepore the 5th feby 1788

90] To John Shore Esqre

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I now reply to your circular Letter dated the 15th Instt upon the subject of grain

There is no grain remaining in the District of the Crops of the two last years.-

The Bhaddy Fufsil of the present year in general fell short, comparatively with the Crop of the last year from the uncommon inundation, and what was reaped, has been equal to the quantity requisite for the internal consumption and has admitted of a considerable exportation

The Augrunnee Fufsil was deficient from the same cause, and the Effects of the violent storm which happened at the close of the Month of Cartic superadded. The Harvest is now reaped, and the Boora Fufsil in this District is very inconsiderable.

The Prices comparatively with those of former Years are higher, owing to two adventitious causes, One the demand for Grain having been very great from all Quarters ; the other, the Transportation from place to place, being become very expensive, and exceeding dilatory, since the closing of the Month of the River Teesta ; tho' this latter event, at present operates to the benefit of the Inhabitants of the District, in as much, that the transportation being so considerably obstructed. obliges the Merchant to retail upon the spot, what he otherways would have sent away—

The quantity of Grain at present in the District I believe to be fully adequate to the internal consumption and yield a surplus to supply the common calls for Exportation

I enclose for the Board's further information a comparative statement of the Prices of Grain in the Month of Jany 1787 and of the last Month comprising a period of one Year—

I am Gentlemen

Your very Obedt hble ft

DINAGEPORE

the 6th Feby 1788.

91] To Dinagepore the 6th Febry 1788

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Paymaster General

SIR

I have this day discharged a Draft N° 93 dated 26th January 1788 drawn upon you by Mr William Farquharson Paymaster in favor of Major Charles Maitland commanding the 10th Battalion of Sepoys for Crs 11,866-,,1—

I am Sir

Your very Obt humble Servt

Dinagepore the 9th Febr^y 1788

292] To

George Udny Esq^R

Resident at

Malda

Sir,

I yesterday received your Letter of the 6th with the enclosures.– I shall forthwith demand a reply from the Head Collecting Officers of the Purgunnahs said to be concerned in confining of the Weavers, and upon conviction of the Fact having been committed with their knowledge, and concurrence, will punish them accordingly.

I have ifsued repeatedly, publications, and distributed Copies of the Regulations for Weavers throughout the several Purgunnahs from whence the representations have been forwarded to you & I have now renewed my injunctions to the Officers in general employed in making the Collections of Suntose, Mahasingpore Gullabarry, Myhanagur, Beristole &c^a and again peremptorily for bid them, on any pretence whatever confining the Weavers for their Rents, and directed that in all cases when their demands are disputed, or opposed, to forward to me the claim ; and to render these Orders the more binding, I shall oblige the Head Officer of the respective Purgunnas to execute a Mochalka.

The Weaver's Petitions, as also the representations of your Agents, charge the whole Body of Collectors, Farmers, & KutKinnadars indiscriminately and the former drawn up by Inhabitants, of different Purgunnahs are verbatim the same, and do not specify the names, or places of abode of the Perpetrators of the outrages, afserted to have been committed.–

On the other Hand I earnestly solicit, that you will forbid your Agents from giving any secret encouragement to the Weavers, to with-hold payment of their just dues, by lending too implicit an Ear to any Account of what their Interests, may lead them to frame, with a view to acquire support ; thereby obstructing the Revenue Officers in getting up the Collections– and above all to inhibit your Agents from using any un-authorized co-ercion, towards these officers, when a reference to you or me, upon any illegal Acts being parctised [*sic*] by them, can be so speedily, and easily made ; Representations having been recently made of this latter circumstance happening in some cases, is the reason for my desiring you to cause such instructions to be given, as shall prevent any irregularity or the kind from occuring in future.

A release, or Furruc granted last or for any former year, cannot be exhibited in proof, that no more Rent than what it specifies can be demanded for the present, for the Furrucs in general, and I believe without exception shew a lefs sum than what has been actually paid by the holders of them.–

My Letter of the 11th of January I did not mean should convey the Idea which it apparently has imprefsed you with.– I am mortified that I was not sufficiently explicit– the Letter alluded to, pointed at a system to be introduced for the fixing, and regulating of the Rents, by granting to the Weavers such Pottahs, as may be better calculated to remove all pofsibility of dispute in

future, and to secure the just dues of the Zemindar upon a fair and general Principle, to be delivered to the Weavers in lieu of those they have obtained by connivance, and undue influence, at an under-rated value of the Lands, and to place the Weaver the immediate occupant of the soil, upon an equal footing with his neighbour the cultivator of the Cotton, as I really do not think, that the Revenues can be fairly ascertained, but by the means of introducing a general an equalized afsefment. and this I request may be received as the sense of that Letter– which indeed I think is no more than an abridged recapitulation of the correspondence, which pafsed between your Predecefsor and me, at this period last year, upon a similar subject–and therefore ought not to bear the construction, of establishing a new doctrine.– besides the publications ifsued at the close of the last, and continued thro' the present year were fraught with timely notice to prevent the Weavers from being concerned in taking Lands at an under-rate.–

Any attempt at a sudden, and universal reversion of the former Pottahs at the close of the Season as exprefsed in your Letter, is certainly Sufficient to create great alarm, if it ever was designed– or if the circumstances under which these Pottahs were granted and the tenor did not manifestly mark the instability of them. I think I have before observed to you that the Pottahs current are obtained by a fraudulent, and secret confederacy, between the Granter, and the Grantee; unfortunately the universal practice of the District for time out of mind has been for Pottahs to fluctuate in the course of the year as frequently as the Officers are changed, and by this pernicious mode the Revenues has been kept up– however the History of the manœuvre of granting Pottahs is rather foreign to the present subject and ought more properly to be reserved for the deliberation of that authority who have it in contemplation, to remove the ill effects, which spring from it and shall close this Paragraph by remarking, that I personally informed all the Weavers who attended last year upon references from M[r] Grant, that at the commencement of the present, If they would attend in Person or by delegate, I would see that proper Pottahs were executed to them from their holding off to come into this proposal which they in that stage of the businefs acceded to and continuing to take as much Land as they can, into their pofsefsion, by the very same means which they have setforth for succefsive years as being productive of every specie of Opprefsion, does not argue that their present clamours are founded in Truth but I should conclude rather evinces, that whenever great necefsity (and which generally occurs at this period of the year) forces the Farmers to scrutinize narrowly into the afsets of their Farms, and bring forward the embezzlements to make good their Engagements- that those who the scrutiny most affect try every means in their power to ward off the force of it.-

With respect to the act of infringing the Regulations, it is of such serious moment, that I will make an example of the very first Person who shall be convicted, Copy of the Order I have ifsued upon the present occasion I enclose for your information- and earnestly recommend that you enjoin your agents stationed at the out Factories to instruct the Weavers to pay for the Lands they hold, according to the general rate of the Purgunna, and I am sure if this be attended to, and properly promulgated. Peace will be

restored - the Weavers return to their Looms- and the zemindar & Farmers receive their just dues.—

I must confefs it is some what extraordinary that the Persons I have stationed in different parts of the District to report to me the occurrences, should not have sent me some account of the violent oppreſsions practised upon Weavers in the Purgunnas you mention, or that not a Weavers [*sic*] should have made his appearance in Person or by Vakeel to state the outrages offered, especially as they always hitherto, have been foremost to come up or send their delegates, to make representations whenever they deemed themselves aggrieved, and I am certain none ever departed without a very liberal discuſsion of their representations, and immediate redreſs, to actual grievances being given.-

The Mootearif Jumma has never under gone any alteration but continues as it was rated previous to the Bengal year 1179.-

How far you might have been warranted in resisting the acts with which the Collecting Officers are charged, I shall not presume to discuſs; If by my exertions, I can confine the Revenue Officers within the strict line of their Duty, and enforce from Them implicit obedience to the Orders of Government, and thereby afford every aſsistance in promoting the welfare of the publick Interests confided to you, the neceſsity of setting up a resistance, (doubtful with you, as to the propriety of it,) will not exist.-

If you should deem it indispensible to carry up the subject of our correspondence to a superior Power, I shall lament that our joint Efforts to bar the expidiency shall in your Opinion have appeared in effectual.-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Ob[t] humble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 11[th] Febry 1788

293] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I this day have dispatched by Land four Baskets containing the Bauzee Zemeen Accounts of this District prepared in conformity to the Board's directions under date the 23[d] Oct[r]

I am

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

94] To DINAGEPORE the 12th February 1787

George Udny Esq^r^

Resident at Malda

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 7th enclosing a representation from the Weavers residing upon the boundaries of this District- and have sent to enquire into the particulars of it; some of the Villages named, are under the Jurisdiction of the Collector of Moorshedabad- be pleased to cause the Weavers to be informed, that every means in my power shall be exerted, to protect them in common with the rest of the Inhabitants, from the attacks of the Gangs of Robbers, who at this Season of the year are in the custom of prowling about upon the borders of this, and the neighbouring Districts.—

I am,

Sir,

Your very obed^t^ humble

Servant

95] To DINAGEPORE the 12th February 1788.

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R^

President &c^a^ Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In consequence of a general Representation from the Inhabitants of Dinagepore residing in the environs of Rauje Gunje of the Scarcity of Rice daily increasing, and the difficulty they had of late, in procuring any,- and upon finding that the abolishing of the Haut duties upon the Grain imported, was not attended with the relief expected, I deemed it expedient to publish on the 10th Instant Extract of the Orders ifsued by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the 1st Instant respecting Merchants hoarding Grain- and upon information received from the Amla of Rauje Gunje that near the quantity of 50,000 Maunds of Grain was contained in the Merchants Golahs, and that the Publication had not been attended with any relief to the Scarcity, I yesterday visited the Golahs in person, and found, as far as I could judge, that nearly that quantity was stored and the persons in whose charge it was, having refused to carry any to Market alledging that they held the Property in trust for the different Merchants residing at Moorshedabad; Upon my return I caused Publication to be made, Copy of which with Translate I enclose for the Board's Information

The Steps taken will I hope effectually provide for the supply of the Inhabitants and frustrate any sinister Views, if such did exist, of profiting by a temporary distrefs, by hoarding of Grain under the ostensible, or real intention of exporting it, when the Rivers should open.-

I am,

Gentlemen &c^a^

Dinagepore the 13[th] Febr[y] 1788

. 296] To

Robert Pott Esq[r]

Collector of Government Customs at

Moorshedabad-

Sir,

The Petition referred to me under date the 13[th] of January Ult[o] - presented to you by Kifsencaunt Saw and Bekul Saw - I have this day received and will take immediate steps for apprehending the Persons charged with taking duties upon Grain, and upon conviction. will put the Orders of Government into execution—

I am,

Sir,

Your very obedient

humble Servant-

Dinagepore the 14[th] February 1788—

297] To

George Udny Esq[r]

Resident

at

Malda-

Sir,

The Zemindar has this day dispatched Orders to Persaud Sing Girdaweir, to exert himself, in protecting of the Inhabitants residing upon the South East Borders of this Zemindarry, and to patrole the Vicinity of the Factory at Saumgunje.—

I am,

Sir,

Your very obd[t] humble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 15th Febr^y 1788.

98] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQ^R

Magistrate of MUXADAVAD

SIR

Govind Tagore Patwarree inhabitant of Moza Goarra in Purgunna Jangueepore having denied the Jurisdiction, alledging that he lives in Contoonagur the Zemindarry of Contoo Baboo - I request you will please to cause him to be apprehended and delivered over to the Charge of the Bearer to answer to a Charge of Robbery made by Brijoo and Gopaul- Copy of the Deposition of the Officer deputed to apprehend Govind Tagore together with copies of the Deposition of Brejoo and Gopaul, I enclose.-

I am

Sir

Your very ob^t humble Serv^t

Dinagepore the 15th February 1788

99] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

I have this day received your Letter of the 5th Instant conveying Extract of a Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General in Council together with Copies of the advertizement to which it alludes, and which shall be immediately promulgated.-

My Letter of the 12th Ins^t - will have informed you, that the principal Points to which the Collector's observance is required, have been attended to, previous to the receipt of the Board's Orders- and I shall forthwith extend my enquires as directed

I am,

Sir,

Your very ob^t humble Serv^t

DINAGEPORE the 16th February 1788

No. 300] To

SUETONIUS GRANT HEATLY ESQR.

Collector of

PURNEA-

SIR,

I have this day, received your Letter of the 2d Instant referring a Petition signed Chundeepursaud Zemindar N° 927- but as no Person attends to prosecute the Complaint, or substantiate the Facts set forth in the Petition, I am at a lofs what steps to take and of course the Petition must lay over till a Vakeel or some Person properly authorized shall attend on the part of Chundeepursaud.-

I am,

Sir &ca-

Dinagepore the 17th Febry 88

No. 301] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

I have received your circular Letter under date the 5th Instant conveying Extract of the Proceedings of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council of the 1st of February- and will obey the Orders therein ifsued whenever the Commanding Officers of Troops pafsing through the District shall apply for supplies.-

I am

Gentlemen

Your very Obedt humble Servant

Dinagepore the 17th February 1788

02] To

John White Esqr

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts-

Sir,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogah's Reports in Persian with Translates for the Month of Rubbie ul Sannie-

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentences to the end of Rubbie ul Sannie

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom sentence has been pafsed by the Darogah-

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Cause referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence-

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in the preceding month upon former References-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's case to be tried

I am

Sir &ca——

Dinagepore the 18th February 1788

303] To

John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the 4th Instant containing your Orders upon the Balances stated in my Towjee Account for the Month of Aughrun- and shall await your further directions upon my Letter of the 1st Instant respecting the Balance due from Pergunna Barbuckpore 14 annas-

It did not appear upon the examination of the Naib's Accounts that any part of the anticipated Revenue collected from the Purgunna of Chowgong, and for the retribution of which the Naib is now in confinement, had been received by the Zemindar Himself and in reply to the Boards' question "whether the Naib pofsefses any private property" I beg to quote the 3d Paragraph of my Answer to the Boards' Letter of the 22d January forwarded with Jumma Wafsil,Bàukee the 5th Instant-

"For the recovery of the whole or part of the Amount of the Balance "due from Purgunna Chowgong and established against the Naib Gouricaunt "as setforth in my Proceedings forwarded to the Board the 10th November "last I recommend that the Talook belonging to the Naib Gouricaunt named "Culburrea, situate [*sic*] in Purgunna Culburreea in the Zilla of Moorshedabad, "be Attached.- The Zemindar Roodrecaunt is a youth, and the entire "management of his Zemindarry has been entrusted for these many years "past, to Gouricaunt his Mofufsil Naib."-

The Information respecting the Property of Gowrecaunt is stated upon the Proceedings above alluded to- and was obtained in consequence of the question I put to him to ascertain where his Property lay - and I do not find that he is pofsefsed of any more.-

I am,

Gentlemen

Your very Obt humble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 20th Febry 1788

o. 304] To

GEORGE UDNY ESQR

Resident at MALDA-

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 16th with the enclosures.-

Please to direct the Complainants to prosecute the Persons they charge with opprefsing them, by a breach of the Regulations and upon conviction the aggrefsors shall be punished and the parties injured be indemnified for the lofs they may prove to have sustained

The mode you propose in the last Paragraph of your Letter for adjusting the disputed Revenue Claims upon the Manufactures is not feasible- The Collection would be endangered, was it to be adopted ;- The Collecting Officers have been ordered strictly to obey the Regulations, and if the Manufacturers contest the claim upon Them I should not be justified in transferring to other Hands the enquiry into and adjustment of the demand.-

I must again observe, that the Manufacturers ought to be instructed to pay for the Lands they pofsefs according to the established rates of the District ; & I beg to repeat my request, that you will unite with me in exhorting them to take out regular Pattahs from the Zemindar for the Ground they now do, or in future may hold. by which step, all pofsibility of contention will be avoided between Them, and the Revenue Officers.-

The Season is now approaching when the Manufacturer without injury to himself may make his option.

I am

Sir

Your very obt humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 21st February 1788

5] To

GEORGE UDNY ESQR

Resident at

MALDA

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 18th with the enclosures-
My Letter of the 14th Instt will have informed you of the Measures taken for the Protection of the Inhabitants of the Purgunnahs Suntose, Sogoona, and Mahosingpore,- I have also directed part of the Force stationed at Silberris to March to the Afsistance of the party deputed by the Zemindar -
I have sent a Dustuck to apprehend Rubbie the Person charged by Kisfenbullub & Nelmoney Dulolls with confining a Weavers [*sic*] and request you will direct the Parties complaining to attend and give evidence

I am Sir

&ca—

Dinagepore the 22d feby 1788

06] To

John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In conformity to the directions contained in your circular Letter dated the 15th Inst- I annex List of the Buildings belonging to the Honble Company
1 large Building the former residence of the Collectors at this Station
2 small brick out-houses-
None of these Buildings are habitable and now stand empty - the large brick Building I held in repair, whilst thro' necefsity I was obliged to occupy it, but it has been in Ruins for some Years past

I am Gentlemen &ca

Dinagepore the 25[th] Febr[y] 1788.-

[No. 307] To

George Udny Esq[r]

Resident at

Malda

Sir,

I forward to you a Petition presented by Cofsinauth Vakeel to Brijoo Deloll the Talookdar of Kismut Barbucpore, complaining against Callychaind Jemautdar & Ten Peons residing in the Factory of Saumgunje for opprefsion I request you will please to enquire into the circumstances and communicate the result, as soon as convenient.-

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant.-

Dinagepore the 25[th] February 1788-

[No. 308] To

D. H M[c] Dowall Esq[r]

Collector of Rungpore-

Sir,

The accompanying will be delivered to you by the Vakeel of Radagovind the Tehsildar of Purgunnah Gulabarry - who claims Revenue (balance) from Cottoo Sahoo, Goolaum Mahmud, and Sheoram Riauts, Inhabitants of Moza Jaffurpore, in this District, and have fled into Surroopore to avoid payments of the demand, which is stated in the accompanying Jumma Wafsil Baakee.-

I am,

Sir &c[a]

DINAGEPORE the 27th February 1788-

9] To

D,, H,, M^{C} DOWALL ESQ^{R}

Coll^{r} of Rungpore

SIR,

I enclose for your perusal a narrative of the Cause which gave rise to the unjustifiable attack upon the Riauts of Lollbarry- who by the by I believe to a man are Thieves- however the march of the Jemautdar & the conduct of the Farmer in seizing upon some of the inhabitants of Lollbarry as retaliation, is what I do not approve, and have notified to them my displeasure, as well as Order for the immediate enlargement of the people confined-

I have ordered the Sepoy Jemautdar to join Meer Loot-uf-ally your Officer, in compliance with the application, from him in consequence of the Sally made by a numerous body of Thieves from the Jungles of Lollbarry upon the Riauts living in Battasun Perg^{h}

I am,

Sir -

DINAGEPORE the 29th February 1788-

0] To

R,, POTT ESQ^{R}

Collector of Government Customs-

Moorshedabad-

SIR,

A Petition was this day presented under Cover from you, from the Grain Merchants of Moorshedabad who have Agents here for the purchase of Grain.- Be pleased to inform them in reply to their Representation, that the measures they complain of, have been authorised by Government- that in future if their Agents have cause to apply to the Collector, they at all Times may have free accefs to him at the Cutcherry, and speedy relief to any real grievance, without the necefsity of going thro' their Principals to you, and from you to me, a procefs which not only is irregular but productive of delay.

I am,

Sir &c^{a}-

Dinagepore the 1st March 1788.

311] To

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQR

Accomptant General to the Revenue Department

SIR,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 29th February amounting to Sa rs 19,952-4-17- is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taugepore —

I am, Sir, &ca

Dinagepore the 5th March 1788

312] To

SUETONIUS GRANT HEATLY ESQR

Magistrate of Purnea

SIR,

For your information I enclose Copy of the Proceedings held on the Charge of Sheonauth roy the Zemindar of Purgunna Havellee &ca in the Sircar of Taugepore in consequence of the Petition referred the 7th of Decr last.-

From the evidence of Gumbeera, the Drogah of Haut Sereepore, it appears that the Collecting Officers of that Haut were the first Aggrefsors, that they made a forceble Entry on the Premises of the Farmers Lolljee ray, and carried away his servant Shair Mahmud, and that the Outrages which succeeded to this Act was in consequence of the attack made by the Drogha & others, of Haut Sereepore, upon Shair Mohmud the Drogha of Haut Phenagatchee in Pergunna Dehutt-

With a view to effectually prevent in future, similar Outrages from being committed- I have bound Lolljee roy over to keep the Peace- Himself in one thousand rupees, and two sureties in 500 rupees each - Copies of the Mochulkas are annexed- and I request you will be pleased to bind over the Zemindar of Purgunna Havellee in like manner.-

With respect to the Lofses the Zemindar Seonauth afserts to have sustained by the Fray the civil Court will take cognizance if he thinks proper to prosecute for damages.-

Gumbura & Bifshonauth, on the part of Sheonauth roy, and Shair Mahmud the Servant of Lolljee roy I have directed to attend the Peon, to you in order to avoid misrepresentation and to enable you to oblige the Parties under your Jurisdiction to enter into immediate recognizance to bind them to keep the Peace.-

I am

Sir

Your very Obt humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 5th March 88

313] To

ROBERT ADAIR ESQR

Magistrate of Boglepore.

SIR,,

I send for your Information Copy of the Proceedings held upon a Charge against a Person named Peer Cawn who it appears was employed by Kewal Lochun Zemindar of Purgunna Maldura in the capacity of a Tallafea, or Informer, and in consequence of the authority thus delegated, has been guilty of the most flagrant oppreſsion upon the person, & Property of Cocha Tantee.-

Peer Cawn was apprehended in this District, and now lays in Confinement for default of Bail, to stand Suit in the Prosecution entered by Cocha Tantee in the civil Court, to recover the Amount of the Fine inflicted.-

The neceſsity of immediately annihilating this specie of authority exercised by the Zemindars, from the present instance of their abuse of it, will, I make no doubt appear to you compatible with the Prosperity of the Inhabitants.—

I am

Sir,

Your very Obedient

humble Servant.-

DINAGEPORE the 6th March 1788

314] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Paymaster General

SIR,

I have this Day discharged a Draft N° 102 dated 25th February 1788 drawn upon you by Mr William Farquharson Paymaster in favor of Major Charles Maitland Commanding the 10th Battalion of Sepoys for CRs 11,854-4-10-

I am,

SIR,

Your very Obedt hble Servant-

DINAGEPORE the 7th March 1788-

315] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I enclose Copy of a Durkhaust and account of Rufsoom together with Translates presented by Sheonauth Gomasta of Luchmeenarrain Roy Canongoe- as I have no Records to appeal to, I request the Board's Instructions for the payment of this Rufsoom.-

I am,

Gentlemen &ca &ca

Dinagepore the 7th March 1788

316] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of Moorshedabad

SIR,

From the Circumstance to which the enclosures allude, it would appear that the improper Conduct of Pursaud Sing the Tannadar had taken its rise from the undue interference of the Agent residing at the Factory of Saumgunje, and of which I have taken notice to Mr Udney.-

Pursaud Sing, I have recalled to answer for the Outrage-

It may be proper to take the Evidence of your Officers, to attest the act, of their Seizure- and the circumstances of their Confinement, and release—and take Security for the appearance of the Persons inhabitants under your Jurisdiction charged by Mr Dingley with being Robbers.-

I am,

Sir &ca &ca

317] To DINAGEPORE the 7th March 1788

GEORGE UDNY ESQR

Resident at

Malda

SIR,

In consequence of your representation of a large Body of Robbers being in the environs of Saumgunje, a Party of Burcundofses was deputed from this Zemindarry to afford Protection to the Riauts in general - but from a Letter I have this day received from Pursaud Sing the Tannadar, it would appear that Mr T. H. Dingley residing at the Factory of Saumgunje, has been the cause of his exceeding his Instructions by going into Parts of the Country and seizing the Officers of the Revenue immediately dependant upon the authority of Mr Dawson.- Pursaud Sing further represents that in consequence of my Orders to him, to make over the Persons apprehended as Robbers together with the Property taken to the Naib stationed in Purgunnah Suntose, that Mr Dingley has taken charge from him and refuses to deliver up -

I earnestly request of you to send forthwith directions to Mr Dingley to prohibit him from interfering either directly or indirectly in matters so exceedingly foreign to his Office- and cause Cofsinauth Lahoory and Kisno Bahadre and Sittul Chowdry the Persons Pursaud Sing informs me in consequence of Mr Dingley's Instructions he had seized and delivered over to him, to be instantly enlarged ; and make over the Persons formerly apprehended by Pursaud Sing the Tannadar, together with the Property taken. to Purbuttee churn roy Naib of Purgunna Suntose in order to their being sent up to the Court of Faujedarry.-

Copy of the Letter received from Pursaud Sing I enclose,- and I have recalled him in consequence of his irregular Conduct.-

I am,

Sir, &ca &ca

318] To DINAGEPORE the 13th March 1788

D,, H,, MC DOWALL ESQR

Magistrate

Rungpore

SIR,

The enclosures are Copies of Depositions made in my presence by three persons seized in the Purgunna of Battasun, and whom it appears were Accefsorys with the Chowdry or Farmer of Purgunna Lollbarry in the attack made upon the House of Ruffeik Poramonick.-

I am,

Sir, &ca

DINAGEPORE the 13th March 1788.

319] To

GEORGE UDNY ESQR
Resident at
MALDA

SIR,

I request your Attention to the Enclosures, with a view to show how your and my time is liable to be trespafsed upon, by false representations, and make no doubt but that you will take the most effectual means to check this inclination in your Agents to create Trouble.-

The Papers marked N° 1. are Copies of Documents which were received in consequence of the Reference of a Petition under Cover of your Letter dated the 18th Febry -

The Enclosure N° 2 is Transcript of my Proceedings upon a Petition regularly preferred by the Vakeel of Chundernarrain the Agent at Battasee-parra Cootee,- The falsity of the Charge, the trivial Subject of it- and the oppresive Steps pursued to intimidate the Parties charged, and prevent their making a Defence, as you will precive by the Order pafsed at the close of the Enquiry disqualified Chundernarrain from forwarding any more Representations to me in his Capacity as Agent, by any other Channel than by reference from you to

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant-

DINAGEPORE 14th March 1788,-

320] To

GEORGE UDNY ESQR
Resident at
MALDA

SIR

I have received your Letter of the 10th Instt - with the enclosure -

I think it probable that the Peon granted from the Saumgunge Factory to Kinker a Weaver might have given rise to the Complaint made by Kenoo Mundull who I will summons [*sic*] to the Cutcherry.-

I entreat of you to prohibit the giving of Peons to Weavers or Persons of any Other description to afsist in the recovery of Debts.- no separate authority of this nature can be permitted to operate exclusive of that exercised by the Dewanny Awdawlut and to which Tribunal only Natives of whatever Profession are to appeal, for the recovery of contested Debts or other Demands.

I am
Sir,
Your very Obedt hble Servt -

Dinagepore the 16th March 1788

321] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

SIR,

It may be proper to acquaint his Lordship with the Death of Mullovee Mahomed Sufdar the Dragha of the Criminal Court at this station, who died early on the Morning of the 16th Inst.

From the respectable Character Mullovee Mahomed Sufdar supported with all Ranks of the Inhabitants his sudden dissolution, is universally regretted; and while I feel a pleasure in adding to the Testimony of his Merits, as a native who filled a very respectable office with capacity and Integrity, I cannot but lament the necefsity of requesting that the Vacancy created may be supplied as soon as pofsible with a new Incumbent.

I am

Sir &ca

DINAGEPORE the 18th March 1788.

322] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

I transmit according to your Directions contained in your Letter under Date the 29th January last an account of the Mofufsil Settlement of Purgunna Havillee Pinjeera for the year 1193 in two separate enclosures N° 1 states the Jumma Receipts and Balances- N° 2 contains a particular Explanation of the latter, and I trust will be fully explanatory of the causes which operated to prevent the fulfiling of the Expectations I exprefsed in my Letter of the 6th of March 1787-

The established Mofufsil Charges of Collection together with the monthly allowances for religious purposes was included in the Jumma of each Mehal in Khaas Management of the respective Naibs, and they crave Credit in account for these Sums, alledging that the Disbursement has been made according to known Usage and established rates fixed, and that the expenditure of the last article of expence has been made upon Vouchers to Bramins and others in charge of the Tagore Barries in the Mofufsil.-

With respect to the Persons stiled Farmers, no regular Pottahs and Cubbooleats have been entered into, and in some cases the management of the preceding continued under the same charge for the succeeding Year, without any renewal of the Engagement and mostly at a reduced Jumma, the

Grounds, reasons, or particulars of the remifsions made from the grofs Jumma of the District for the year 1192, upon repeated Search into such records, as I could appeal to, does not appear.-

The Hustabood of the Mehals, in Khaas Management is the plea the Naibs make, for a remifsion of the amount Balance of each respective Purgunnah, but when it is considered that in the first place they took the management at a reduced rate of Jumma in general, to that of the year antecedent, and lastly that the Hustabood was formed from fabricated Accounts produced from the Mofufsil Cutcherris- the Plea for remifsion of the articles stated as Balance under this Head must fall, and the amount be continued in demand against the Parties- -

The Transaction between Jonkeeram Sing and Souba Buxey the Farmer of Purgunna Surhutta, carries with it so strong an appearance of Collusion, that I am of Opinion the Demand for the Balance may be continued against the latter, and the Payment enforced-

A minute investigation into the Accounts of the Mofufsil Receipts and expenditures, has been made in concert with the Zemindarry Officers- and in presence of the persons against whom the Balances stand- the latter are forthcoming, and for the most part at large, under Security-

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Serv

DINAGEPORE the 21st March 1788.

323] To

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQR

Accountant General to the Revenue Department

SIR

The following Sums have been paid out of the Deposits- The Amount stated in the Register for the month of August 1787 received from Golaum Mifser in consequence of an application from Roodernarrain Mudjmoodar the Plaintiff— — —Sa Rs 103-2-,,

The amount received from Bancharam as Malzamin for the Zemindar of Purgunna Burbucpore 14 annas, entered in the Register of Deposits for the month of February last and brought to Account in the Towjee for Phalgun as directed by the— — — — —Board in their Letter dated the 7th March— — — — Sa Rs 3,500- — — — —

I am,

Sir,

Your very obedient hble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 24th March 1788-

24] To

D,, H,, Mc DOWALL EsqR
Collector
RUNGPORE

SIR,

I have just received Notice of an action between the Fakeers and a party of Sepoys recently detached from Taujepore, at a place called Neamutpore in the Purgunna of Jeah Sing in Chuckla Radshye- Moofsa Saw and the remainer [*sic*] of his adherents have run off, towards Silberris, and I will order the Party stationed there to intercept him if practicable, I would recommend, to you, to ifsue a Perwanna to the Zemindars in general of your District, to prohibit any Shelter being given to this Banditti, and to do their utmost in seizing, and bringing to Justice this Marauder, as also to afford all afsistance to the Force sent in pursuit of him.-

I am,
Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 24th March 1788

325] To

PETER SPEKE EsqR
Collector of Radshye -

SIR,

On the 9th of Choit an Engagement happened between a party of Burcundofses belonging to the Rannee of Radshye and Moofsa Saw and his adherents at a place called Paulla near to Orjoonpookre in Pergunna Jeah Sing - The Burcundofses, I understand from my Spies were worsted, and three of them made Captives, some Villages I understand were plundered after the Defeat of the Burcundofses. On the 10th of Choit a Detachment of a Jemautdar and thirty Sepoys drove this Marauder before him, but the Jemautdar, as well as the Spies, represent that the Spectators from the surrounding Villages, peaceably looked on, and offered no Afsistance either to join the Jemautdar of the Party or intercept Moofsa in his Flight- It will be very desirable that you should cause publication to be made to the Inhabitants in general under your Jurisdiction, to use their utmost endeavours to capture, or be the means of seizing this Vagabond Moofsa Saw, either by giving information whenever he commits his Depredations, and afsisting to the utmost in their Power, the Party or Parties sent in pursuit of him, or surrounding Him so as to effectually prevent his escape by Flight, —

I am,
Sir, &ca &ca

DINAGEPORE 24th March 1788.

[No. 326] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

SIR,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogha's Reports in Persian with Translates for the month of Jumuddie ul Owal-

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentences to the end of Jumaudie ul Owal-

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogha-

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Cause referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence-

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwas in the preceding Month upon former References-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darögha's Charge to be tried.—

I am,

Sir &ca &ca

DINAGEPORE the 25th March 1788 —

[No. 327] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of

MOORSHEDABAD

SIR,

I have duly received your Letter of the 20th Instant-

By the close of the Month of April, I shall make a further remittance to you as follows-

The 31st of the present month a

Hundee for - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	SaRs 37,000 - - -
The 30th of April ensuing . . .	10.500 - -
	Sa Rs 47.500 - -

and which will close my remittances for this Year—

I am,

Sir, &ca-

Dinagepore the 29th March 1788.-

28] To

George Udny Esq^{r}

Resident at

Malda

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 20th Inst^{t} and in consequence will make an Examination by Affidavit from Pursaud Sing who will then in the event of his having made a false report become Subject to the Law, should M^{r} Dingley prove Pursaud Sing to have asserted what was not.-

I am

Sir &c^{a}-

(Signed) W^{m} Hunter

Act^{g} Coll^{r}

Dinagepore the 1st April 1788.-

329] To

Richard Johnson Esq^{r}

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dep^{t}

Sir,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st March amounting to S^{a} R^{s} 10,413-15-14-3 is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taugepore.-

I am,

Sir,

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant ——

CALCUTTA the 8th Ap^l 1788

[No. 330] To

CHARLES COCKERELL ESQ^R

Post Master General

Sir,

I have received the Bill for Dawk charges incurred for transporting Letters from, and to Moorshedabad from the 16th of June 1786 to the 1st of July 1787 rejected as being unauthorized and presented too late for notice according to the 8th & 9th Articles of the Resolution of the 20th September 80.-

I have to hope, that as the Charges were actually and bonafide incurred and the Articles of the Resolution of the 20th of September 1780 having entirely escaped my Memory, that you will again submit the Bill, with the above recited explanation for the reconsideration of his Lordship in Council.-

I am

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 12th April 1788.-

[No. 331] To

PETER SPEKE ESQ^R

Resident at the Durbar

SIR,

I beg leave to enclose you, Copy of a Petition presented me by Madeo ram Roy Vakeel to the Zemindar of Barbuckpore 14 annas Complaining against Habbib ullah and Hayaut Cawn &c^a Gomastahs of the Salt Petre Cootees of Sheebgunje and Balloobarrah, and to request the favor of you (if the Complaint herein setforth proves to be a just representation of the opprefsions committed on the riauts) to interpose your authority, by giving directions for their immediate releasement from Confinement, and likewise for the restoration of the sum of Money which has been exacted from them.-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Geo: Purling

Actg Coll^r

CALCUTTA the 14th April 88

332] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the last Kist of the year due from Purgunna Havellee Pinjeerra &ca was paid up compleat on the 25th of Choit, and the whole amount of the Revenue for the year 1194. from that Purgunna received.-

I am

Gentlemen &ca &ca

DINAGEPORE the 15th April 1788

333] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Paymaster General

SIR,

I have this day discharged a Draft No 112- dated 26th March 1788 drawn upon you by Mr William Farquharson Paymaster, in favor of Major Charles Maitland Commanding the 10th Battalion of Sepoys for Current rupees 11,747-7-10.-

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obt

Humble Servant

(Signed) WM HUNTER

Actg Collr

DINAGEPORE the 16th April 1788

o. 334] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

SIR,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogah's Reports in Persian with Translates for the month of Jumaudie ul Sannie-

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentences to the end of Jumaudie ul Sannie-

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentences have been pafsed by the Darogah-

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4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in the preceding month upon former References-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogahs charge to be tried.-

I am, Sir &ca (signed)

Wm Hunter

Actg Mage

DINAGEPORE the 24th April 1788

. 335] To

BURRISH CRISP ESQR

Register to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

I have received your Letter of the 17th Instant, acquainting me that the Bill I transmitted you in my Letter of the 3d Instant, had been lost by one of your Sircars and requesting that I would transmit you a Second Bill for the Amount- which I have now the pleasure to enclose you for Sa Rs 336-9- upon the House of Jugget Seat with a letter of advice from the Gomasta stationed here.-

I am

Sir

Your most obt Servant

(Signed) WM HUNTER

Actg Judge

DINAGEPORE the 25th Ap[l] 1788.

336] To

M[R] GEORGE PURLING

SIR

The Right Honble the Governor General in Council having directed that an afsistant be deputed upon a Tour thro' this District to ascertain the quantity of Grain in the Granaries &c[a] I have to request that you will proceed upon the Tour, and for your informotion and guidance I enclose you Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government upon this Subject.-

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Sev[t]

(Signed) W[m] Hunter

Act[g] Coll[r]

DINAGEPORE the 30th April 1788

337] To

EDWARD HAY ESQ[R]

Secretary to the Government

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant directing that an afsistant be deputed upon a Tour thro' this District, to ascertain the quantity of Grain deposited in the Granaries belonging to the Merchants, and the names of the Proprietors, and whenever he shall discover a quantity exceeding three thousand mounds, that he place peons over the same in order to prevent its removal &c[a]

I request you will inform the Right Honble Governor General in Council that I immediately deputed M[r] Purling upon the Tour and that you will afsure the Right Honble the Governor General in Council of my strict Obedience and attention to the Orders and Instructions contained in your letter.-

I remain

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) W[m] Hunter

Act[g] Coll[r]

Dinagepore the 1st May 1788

[No. 338] To

James Graham Esq^r

Acting Magistrate

Rungpore

Sir

Agreeably to the request contained in your letter of the 27th Ult° I have the pleasure to send you Beloo under charge of Hubbeeboollah Peon-

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient humble servant

(Signed) William Hunter

Act^g Mag^t

DINAGEPORE the 1st May 1788.

[No. 339] To

RICHARD JOHNSON ESQ^R

Accomptant General to the Revenue Dep^t

FORT WILLIAM

SIR

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 30th April amounting to Sicca Rupees 23,873,,12,,16,,3 is detained for the Paymaster of the Troops at Taujepore.-

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) W^m Hunter

Act^g Coll^r

340] To CALCUTTA the 4th May 1788.-

EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government-

SIR,

There being no Records whatever to be met with at Dinagepore I request permifsion to be admitted accefs to such relating to the District of Dinagepore as may be deposited in your Office.—

I am

Sir,

&ca-

341] To CALCUTTA the 7th May 1788

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN

I transmit a List of Mehals which are situated in different parts of the Purgunnahs composing the District of Dinagepore and which from application of the Proprietors, or other Causes, have been separated from and incorporated into Purgunnahs dependent upon Muxadabad.

I am desirous these Mehals which from their being chiefly comprized of Villages situated, and interspersed in the different Purgunnahs, belonging to this District, should be re-annexed to it

The advantages to be reaped by this measure, are too obvious to require any detail ; the principal, that of restraining Riauts holding Lands near to the Cutcherry of Dinagepore, from Opprefsing of their Neighbours, and which they are encouraged in, seeing that redrefs must be sought after at a great distance, and frequently not to be obtained, owing to the Indigence of the Parties, or other circumstances which alike operate to prevent all resort to the City of Moorshedabad.-

The Purgunnahs from which the Kharridge Originally took place, the Title under which they now pay, and the comparative distances with respect to Dinagepore and the Cutcherry at Bogra in Silberris, I have inserted in the List.-

The Purgunnah of Chowgong is situated near to, and more connected with the Districts of Radshije and Moorshedabad than it is with that of Dinagepore and I would recommed [*sic*] its being annexed, to one or other of those Districts.—

I was not able to lay before the Board this information by the period prescribed by the 68th article of the Revenue Regulations, owing to Occupations of higher moment, having engrofsed my attention-

I am

Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

Dinagepore the 9th May 88

342] To

Edward Fenwick Esq^R

Military Paymaster General.-

Fort William

Sir

I have this day discharged a Draft N° 121- dated 25th April 1788 drawn upon you by M^r W^m Farquharson Paymaster, in favor of Major Charles Maitland Command^g the 10th Battalion of Sepoys for Current Rupees 12,022-4,, 5

I am

Sir,

Your most Ob^t

humble Servant

(Signed) W^m Hunter

Act^g Collector

Dinagepore the 17th May 1788

343] To

John White Esq^R

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.-

Fort William

Sir,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogha's Reports in Persian with Translates for the Month of Rejeb 1202-

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentence to the end of Rejeb-

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogha-

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Cause referred to the Naib Nazim for his sentence.-

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Fatwahs in the preceding Month upon former References.-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's Charge to be tried.—

I am

Sir

Your very Ob^t humble servant

Dinagepore the 22[d] May 1788

344] To

George Udny Esq[r]

Resident at

Malda

Sir,

In order to avoid complaints from the weavers and troublesome References during the period of the heavy Collections for the Current year I have directed a proclamation to be made throughout my District to all persons of whatever discription holding Lands Obtained in past Years, or by Lease taken in the Current Year- that the Rent for fuch Lands as they shall stand pofsefsed of will be exacted from them according to the Rates paid by the Inhabitants in general of the Village where they reside- and that Weavers, or others holding Pottahs, by whatever means acquired, at an under Rate, will not be permitted to avail Themselves of such Instruments to evade payment of just claims in common with the generality of the Riauts their Neighbours.-

It is necefsary to remark that you have not yet complied with the 6[th] Article of the Regulation for Weavers.—

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Dinagepore the 24[th] May 1788.-

345] To

John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In reply to your circular Letter dated the 6[th] Instant, enclosing Extract of Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General in Council dated the 30[th] April last, and desiring to be informed in the Ordinance of the Police of Calcutta, could be introduced into any large Towns, that may be in the districts under my Charge without much inconvenience to the Inhabitants.-

I have to acquaint you that I do not think the Regulation, so very desirable, can be generally introduced, owing to the difficulty of procuring Articles to support Tilèd Roofs ; the increase of the expence, from additional

Materials being required, for Houses Tiled, comparatively with those covered with straw; and from the Houses in General in the large Towns, & Markets, throughout the District, being erected upon a capacious Plan, to answer the Purposes of containing Merchandize, as well as to serve for the Habitations of the Proprietors that much inconvenience will necefsarily attend the establishing the Regulatio[.] and which, I fear, if attempted to be Generally introduced, would create much vexation, and Trouble to the Parties. —

I AM

GENTLEMEN

Your very Ob[t] humble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 24[th] May 1788

o. 346] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ[R]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have this day received your circular Letter of the 13[th] Instant enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council and have made the publication thereby required,—

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Your very Ob[t] humble Serv[t]

DINAGEPORE the 28[th] May 1788

). 347] To

SUETONIUS GRANT HEATLY ESQ[R]

Magistrate of Purnea

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 1[st] of April transmitting Mochulkas entered into by Sheonauth the Zemindar of Taugepore-

The Account of lofses said to have been sustained by Sheonauth, cannot avail him- as I went into a particular Examination of the origin &c[a] circumstances of the Fray between the Amlah of Phenagatchee, and the Zemindar of Taugepore—Copy of my Proceedings was forwarded to you- and as by that examination it clearly appears that Sheonauth began the Fray by an attack on the Parties residing in this District; the loss consequent to such illegal Trespafses, of course was the Effect of Sheonauth's Conduct in the first

Instance, and reparation is out of the Question.- The being obliged to put up with the Lofs, may probably be an instructive Lefson to him in future, by teaching him that the Laws are not to be abused, whenever he may have cause to think himself aggrieved by his Neighbours, especially when an appeal to them, in all cases is become so easy.—

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient humble Servant

348] To

Dinagepore the 28th May 1788

Richard Becher Esqr
Resident at
Rungpore-

Sir,

If you deem it necefsary I will in my capacity of Judge, send for the Persons, who have (as afserted) signed to the Representation inclosed in your Letter of the 27th, and officially take their Depositions, to any Points you may be desirous to make your enquiries ; and for this puopose it will be requisite you should forward to me the Interrogatories, you may be desirous of obtaining the replies upon Oath of the Parties to -

I am,
Sir &ca —

349] To

Dinagepore the 29th May 1788

Matthew Dawson Esqr
Collector of
Moorshedabad

Sir

I enclose a Durkhaast delivered by the Vakeel of Sied Buddieul Z'man, a Principal Land holder in Silberris, and the Settlement of that District for the present Year will be impeded, if he be not forthwith set at liberty - In case of any legal Procefs being commenced against him, I will be responsible for the usual attendance in such cases. - in the Interim, I solicit you to cause the appearance of the Parties charged, with illegally detaining Buddie ul Z'man, and that you will grant a safe-guard, to enable him to repair to me immediately.—

I am
Sir
Your very Obt humble Servt

Dinagepore the 30th May 1788

No. 350] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue -

Gentlemen,

I now forward Mr Hunter's report upon the Obstructions formed in the center of the River Teesta, together with a Draft made by that Gentleman, of the Embankment or Bar ; the Board may, by comparing it with the Map of the District, be enabled to judge of the situation, and extent, of the several Channels affected by it.—

The principal Rivers, which till lately flowed in a more or lefs degree, uninterruptedly, through the District, being now become navigable, only, at particular periods in the rainy Season, I fear, the consequences, will in a course of Time affect the Revenues ; The transportation of the Produce of the District is already, from this circumstance considerbly [*sic*] obstructed ; I therefore submit to the Board the necefsity of making a Trial at the ensuing dry Season to effect an opening, by removing a part of the Embankment ; and in the event of this Suggestion being approved, I will, when that Period approaches, depute a very inginious European residing at Dinagepore, to the Spot, and if he should find it practicable to make a clearance direct him to state the means by which it can be done, and furnish an Estimate of the Expence required

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

DINAGEPORE the 31st May 1788

No. 351] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

Buddie ul Z'man who was the Security, and Farmer, of some of the principal Mehals in Silberris last year, has been upon a Visit to the Durghâ at Purrua, and on his return, siezed, by the Agents of Gunneesh Dofs the Banker, and detained at Malda, until the Claim for Debt, which Gunneesh Dofs may have to prefer, shall have been entered in the Adawlut at Moorshedabad, and a regular Summons sued out, to bind him to the Jurisdiction of that Court.——

I annex Copy of my Letter to the Collector of Moorshedabad, written, upon the first intimation received from Buddie ul Zman of his present Situation, and request the Board will direct the Collector of Moorshedabad to cause him to proceed forthwith to Dinagepore. - - The Orders for the Settlement have been ifsued in Silberris, and the detention of Buddie ul Zman will unavoidably retard the completing the Engagements for those Mehals in which he is a principal.

The Court of Dinagepore is equally open to all Suitors, with that of Moorshedabad, and by the Steps taken by the Agents of Gunneesh Dofs, Buddie ul Zman, is effectually precluded from entering up Bail, for his personal appearance which undoubtedly he could do, was he near his own Lands. —

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 1st June 88

.352] To

J.,, E.,, HARINGTON ESQR

Accountant to the Revenue Dept

Sir

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st May Amounting to Sicca Rupees 9,718-12-6-3 is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taujepore. —

I am

Sir &ca —

Dinagepore the 2d June 1788-

.353] To

G.,, UDNY ESQR

Resident at Malda-

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 28th ulto accompanied with a Register of the Weavers-

My inducement for conveying to you the Notice I did, in my Letter of the 22d ulto chiefly originated from a review of the voluminous references received during the past year, grounded either upon Reports from the several Native agents in the District, or the clamours of the Weavers personally

made to you- It was the furthest from my intention, to bring into discussion between you, and me, the propriety or otherwise ' of the ordinance I deem necessary to institute respecting the assessment of the Lands held by Weavers,- by giving to you the notice I did, I wished, merely to put you upon your guard, against receiving representations from the Weavers, which might tend to militate against the regulations I have thought proper to establish, and I think myself authorized to make this requisition of you, seeing, as I have seen, that all the Complaints (without exception) of over exaction, and transmitted by you, and the Native Agents, The Weavers complaining, have evaded, or altogether declined, bringing the charge to a fair issue. knowing, as they do, that the only rule by which such charges can be investigated if adopted, would at once have discovered that the Land in their possession was held at an undervalue.-

All I have further to say on this subject is that in the event of your still thinking proper to refer the representations of the Weavers- I request you will insist, that each weaver deeming himself oppressed, shall present to you a distinct petition, specifying the Village he resides in- the quantity of Ground in his Possession- the Person's name who granted it to him- when granted, and the rent, at which he holds it,- by your being pleased to invariably observe these rules, I shall be enabled more easily to investigate the Complaint, than I possibly can do, according to the usual, general, and indifinite manner in which the weavers have hitherto prefered their petitions.-

Regular pottahs shall be granted to the Weavers upon a fair principle of assessment, if they will receive them, and the Zemindars will be directed to grant such ; in the Interim the weavers must pay their rents for the Lands they stand possessed of according to the known rate of Assessment of the Purg^h in which they reside ; and I have issued a Publication to this Effect—

I am

Sir

Your very Ob^t humble Servant

Dinagepore the 2^d June 88

354] To

Edward Hay Esq^r

Secretary to the Government.—

Sir,

I shall pay strict attention to the directions communicated to me in your Letter under date the 28^th of May and received here this Day.—

I am

Sir

Your very Ob^t humble Serv^t

DINAGEPORE the 7th June 1788

355] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of the 26th Ult° requiring to be informed whether the Naib of Chowgong posseses any other resources that could be applied to the discharge of the Balance, and to accompany this information with an adjusted Settlement of the Balance and the Pleas assigned by the Zemindar for the non liquidation.—

The only resources which came to my Knowledge, as possessed by the Naib of Chowgong, I informed the Board with, in my Letter of the 10th November last—

In my Letter of the 9th of October I transmitted adjusted Account of the Balance, and now annex a Copy—

The Plea assigned by the Zemindar and his Naib for the Non-liquidation of the Balance is, inability.-

I am,

Gentlemen &ca——

DINAGEPORE the 10th June 1788-

356] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Magistrate

MOORSHEDABAD

SIR,

In consequence of the Receipt of your Letter of the 29th of May, I enclose you Copy of the Proceedings upon which Rutteecaunt the Brother of the Petitioner has been made over for Trial; and request you will be pleased to use your endeavours in apprehending of Narrain Summoodar the Father of Hurnauth the Person presenting the Petition on behalf of his Brother Rutteecaunt Doss, to you- The Father and Sons are equally Inhabitants of Dinagepore, as well as of Jehangueepore, and it may be desirous to shew upon such occasions, that their belonging to different Jurisdictions, will not sereen Persons offending against the Laws, from Justice.——

I am,

Sir &ca

DINAGEPORE the 10th June 1788

357] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of

Moorshedabad

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 18th of May enclosing two Petitions from the Riauts of Purgunna Contoonagur and have caused the Parties complained against to be summon'd —

I have to request in future that in all cases when you may deem it necefsary to refer Petitions to me, that the Letter containing them may be delivered to the Complainants themselves, or transmitted to me by the usual Channel of the Dawk —

The Letter to which, this is a reply was presented at the Cutcherry by two Peons, who were desirous of acting as Vakeels for the Parties they accompanied - the bad tendency of complying with the requisition in these Cases, for Peons, will I doubt not, strike you - as I shall always punctually attend to your references, I request you will be so kind as to discontinue this Custom, and which is liable to so many abuses. —

I am,

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 10th June 1788 —

358] To

EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government

SIR

The Directions of the Governor General in Council, communicated to me in the Afsistant Secrety's Letter of the 4th Instant, I have duly obeyed, by ordering the Grain attached, to be released --

I am,

Sir &ca

DINAGEPORE the 10th June 1788.

. 359] To

EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government

SIR,

In consequence of being honored with your Letter of the 28th of May, I directed by Purwannah Ramcaunt Roy the Zemindar of Dinagepore's Naib to be careful and not suffer the operation of the Writ against the Zemindars Effects —

Ramcaunt's reply to the Purwanna I transmit Copy of, together with a Translate, as conveying information which may be necefsary to communicate to his Lordship in Council . —

I am, Sir

Your very obedient Hble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 12th June 1788.-

. 360] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

GENTLEMEN,

The Sudder Poonea of this District will be held on the 16th of the current Bengal Month. —

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

Dinagepore the 12th June 1788.

361] To

J,, E,, Harington Esq^R

Accomptant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I do myself the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant inclosing the Form for Treasury Account; but the Form for the monthly Estimate of Probable Receipts & Disbursements mentioned in the 7th Paragraph of your Letter did not accompany it.- I will be obliged to you if you will cause it to be sent to. —

Sir

Your most Obt Hble Servt

Dinagepore the 13th June 1788

362] To

John White Esq^R

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

Sir,

Owing to some over-sight during my absence from my Station the Cash Account of the Phouzdarry Department for the Months of March, April, & May last, were not forwarded at the stated Periods, and I now transmit them. -

I am,

Sir, &ca

DINAGEPORE the 13th June 1788

No. 363] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

SIR,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogah's Reports in Persian with Translates for the Month of Shaban 1202 -

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentence to the end of Shaban -

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogah

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their cause refered to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence. —

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in the preceding month upon former references -

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's charge to be tried —

I am,

SIR &ca

DINAGEPORE the 13th June 1788.

No. 364] To

JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

It becomes indispensibly necefsary that the Board should interpose their authority with the Canongoes.

The Officers stationed on their parts in this District, are unable to carry on the duties of their Offices, from being (if at all) irregularly paid ; The Naibs themselves have not publicly declared their Situations, from the apprehesions they are under of incurring the displeasure of their Principals.

For the re-establishing of this ancient Office of Record upon a permanent footing the Zemindars have executed Mochulkas at the time they signed their Engagements for the present Year, and I shall call upon them for their Afsistance in enquiring into the resources of the Zemindarries composing this District : and request some rule may be adopted for the payment of these Officers, in order that they may be enabled to perform their respective Functions, and be regularly paid monthly in like manner with the Officers on the part of the Government.

I transmit Duplicate of my Letter under Date the 7th of March last upon the subject of the Canongoes Rufsoom, and request the Board's directions thereon -

I am,

Gentlemen, &ca —

Dinagepore the 14th June 1788

365] To PETER SPEKE ESQR

Judge of the Adawlut at NATORE

Sir,

Be pleased to cause the attendance of the under mentioned persons to give Evidence in a Suit pending in this Adawlut between Purbuttee Widow Pltff and Nyan Mudgmoodar &ca Defendants referred from the Khalsa -

Witnefses named by Pltff

Contoo paatuc of Shomarpara Joyseb Chowdry of Chappaleah Sookdeb Mudjmoodar of Kas Comar Rutteecunt Moonshy of Hunna	In purgunnah Bettorea

Witnefs named by the Defendant Bolram Mudjmoodar of Nyngolee in Tuppa Posumba — .

I am Sir &c

Dinagepore 14th June 1788 -

366] To PETER SPEKE ESQR

Judge of the Adawlut of

NATORE

Sir

Please to cause the attendance of Bolonaut Bifsendhio, and Hurrgovind residing at Seeb Gunge in purgunnah Pertab Bazzoo, to give Evidence in a cause now pending in the Adawlut of Dinagepore between Pertaub Mundull & Abdoor Rahim &c. Baker Cawn the Vaqueel to the Pltff will point out the Witnefses to the officer you fhall be pleased to depute to enforce the attendance of the aforementioned witnefses —

I am Sir &c-

Dinagepore June 14th 1788.

367] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue.

Fort William.

Gentlemen

I annex Copy of my Proceedings held in consequence of a Durkhaust presented by the Aumlah of Rajegunge.

The usual and long prevailing custom of the Grain Merchants advancing at the commencement of the Season for the Crops, during the course of the last Year, has been productive of the greatest inconvenience ;- on the one hand, the Merchants hoarding from a certainty of acquiring great Profit upon the Grain by exportation, and on the other ;- the Riauts selling what Grain they can spare to the grain Merchants in preference to bringing it to publick Market to be sold at a fixed rate.

To keep the Markets in and about Dinagepore supplied with a sufficient Quantity of Grain, for the daily consumption of the Inhabitants, I have been obliged to have recourse to the Golahs where the Grain is hoarded, and the Proprietors have persevered in opposing every mild endeavour I have hitherto practised to induce them to comply with my entreaties to relieve the scarcity, which in fact is of their own creating ; and thereby remove the necefsity of compelling them to it :

I have received Intelligence from Mr Purling who is just returned from making the Tour of the District, that in the South East parts of it, Goragaut and Silberris, Grain is rendered so scarce from the great demand for Exportation, that little, or none of the coarser Rice upon the[1] bulk[3] [4] of[5] which[2] the[6] Natives[7] live, is to be met with : and I fear I shall find it indispensably necefsary to take the fame measures in that Quarter for opening the Golahs, and keeping a supply in store, as I have been obliged to do at Dinagepore.

The Board will observe that the Governor General in Council was pleased to revoke under date of the 4th Inst his orders for attaching the Grain in the District, and as the steps now taken are subsequent to his Lordships commands for the attachment being taken off, it may be proper to make an early communication of the compulsatory steps I have reluctantly adopted, and may be obliged to continue, to prevent a scarcity of Grain being created in the District.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

"the Zemindar in posfesfion, and to this we request you will give due "attention, informing the Parties of the instructions you have received from "us for that purpose"- No Person attending on the part of Kanzeer ally require Payment, and the Collections being under the charge of the Collector at the Time the Board's Letter was received, no provision was made for the payment of this stipend.—

From the Paragraph above quoted, the amount due to Khanzeer Alli previous to the 4th of May 1787. or to the period the Moshara ceased, should have been liquidated from the Moshara ; and since that date, from the afsets of the Zemindarry ; the discharge of the latter arrears has hitherto been unprovided for owing in the first place, to the Collectors not knowing that the stipend was due to Khanzeer Ally, until the Receipt of the Board's Letter at the close of the Bengal Year 1193, and since, from no demand whatever being made by Khanzeer Alli or his agents, and from these circumstances no Funds have been set apart, to answer this claim upon the Zemindar of Dinagepore.-

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore the 22d June 1788.

[No. 372] To

D,, H,, Mc Dowall Esqr

Magistrate at Rungpore

Sir

I annex Copy of a Deposition made before me by Boodul of Fuckeer Gunje in Purgh Lollbarry apprehended in this District charged with committing sundry Burglaries in Company with others named in his Deposition- and residing under your Jurisdiction-

I am,

Sir,

&ca-

DINAGEPORE the 22^d June 1788

373] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQ^R

Collector of Moorshedabad

SIR,

On the 28^th Ult^o early in the Morning, Lieu^t Christie surprized and put to flight Moofsa Saw, who together with his Adherents was encamped near to two Villages named Jugdeepore, and Cheempore, belonging to Purgunna Jangueepore-

It would appear that during the pursuit by the Detachment the Inhabitants of these Villages made away with the Baggage which Moofsa Saw had abandoned; I have therefore to request you will call upon the Chief Officers of these Villages to account for the Articles, if as surmised, they should have been detained, and cause them to be sent to Dinagepore, in order to their being made over to the Detachment, to whom of right, Booty of this discription, belongs.-

It has been further represented that the People, in this and the neighbouring Villages, withheld their afsistance at the moment, when, if it had been afforded, in all probability this Marauder would have been captured- The alertnefs of the Villagers to seize (if what is afserted be found true) upon what did not belong to them, manifestly shews, that mere Timidity is not solely the cause of their flying, or remaining inactive, as is their custom, upon these occasions.-

The Fakeers never fail to leave Spies when they are pursued, and from them, receive information of all occurrances which take place in consequence of their Flight, It is therefore much to be apprehended that the Villagers on these Events become Partisans of the Fakeers, and restore to them in the hour of Safety, what they took charge of at the moment of their Danger; and this may be a subject worthy of investigation, in as much that if shelter, be proved to be connived at by the Villagers, in respect to the Persons of the Fakeers or the articles they may of necefsity upon occasions of pursuit, be obliged to abandon, all attempts to clear the Districts of these Freebooters will be fruitless.-

I annex for Information Extracts of Letters received from Lieu^t Christie, stating the Circumstances, and wish of you to call upon the Naib of Jangueepore, to explain his behaviour in consequence of the application made to him by M^r Christie on the subject of the Riauts Information.-

I am,

Sir &c^a

Dinagepore June 27th 1788.

No. 374] GEORGE CHARLES MEYER ESQR

Acting Preparer of Reports to the

Revenue Department.

Sir

Your Letter dated 31st of May enclosing Petition from the Grain Merchants was delivered this day.

The Embargo complained of was by command of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council under date the 17th of April last, and taken off upon receipt of the Afsistant Secretarys Letter to the Governments Letter of the 4th Inst; subsequent to the Publication made by me for the release of the Grain attached. I deemed it expedient upon the representation of the Inhabitants, and to guard against any sudden scarcity to detain in, and prevent being exported from the Golahs of the several Merchants pofsefsed of the remaining stock of Grain of the District, a Quantity proportionate to the consumption of the Inhabitants for six Weeks, the period when the reaping of the approaching Harvest will commence.

The respective Quantities so detained are proportioned to the grofs Quantity required and calculated upon the average Quantity contained in each Golah, the remainder the Merchants are at free Liberty to export: and of this measure I informed the Board of Revenue under date the 14th Inst

I am Sir &ca

Dinagepore June 28th 1788.

No. 375] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue;

FORT WILLIAM

GENTLEMEN,

I now report upon the Extract of the Petition from the Widow of the late Rajah Bidenauth transmitted to me under cover of the Boards Letter of the 11th April last.

The first part of the representation wholly refers to a Petition formerly preferred by Jonkeeram Sing; the close of it, charging me with opprefsing the Riauts, and thereby causing them to abscond and by a thousand other modes of opprefsions and extortions ruining the Country, is entirely without foundation.-

Ramcaunt Roy the Naib Zemindar made the Mofufsil Settlement of the Zemindarry for the Bengal Year 1194, and I have had no sort of interference in it, the Riauts so far from eloping during his management, evidently have enjoyed more ease, and happinefs, than they had been accustomed to for many Years preceeding, and no stronger proof can be adduced of this being

the Case, than that notwithstanding the advanced Season of the Year at which the Settlement was made, Ramcaunt Roy realized it from the Riauts without any, the least coercion, I believe not a single instance.

The reannexation of the alienated Jumma under the Heads of Birt &c[a] was in consequence of my representation to the Board, that these alienations had been unduly made from the Jumma of the District.

The Widow is in pofsefsion of her Dowry lands and usual immunities, and enjoys the benefits thro the medium of the Agents of her own election; The Charity and other religious Expences have been provided for, and defrayed monthly, by Ramcaunt Roy, according to the necefsary Establishment; unlimited Expences under these Heads, would have been liable to abuses, which all the Vigilance of Ramcaunt Roy would not have checked.

The Expences of the Rajah and his Household, have been monthly defrayed from the Grofs receipts, and I am certain, that no part of the Amount collected from the Zemindarry has been misappropriated or unaccounted for, and the Canongoes Serishta contains compleat Accounts Jumma Crutch, of the grofs Collections from the District.

I have endeavoured to trace from what source, this seeming discontent of the Rannee springs, and what inducements, may have led her to permit her Name, and Seal being affixed to a representation of Matters, so very foreign to her situation and mode of Life, to form a Judgement on, and I verily believe from the accounts given me by the Dependants, and officers of the Zemindarry, that the Rannee in most circumstances, and especially in the present case, is entirely guided by the council of the adherents, of her Brother Jonkeeram Sing, and Sadanund Sein, two dismifsed Officers of the Zemindarry.

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 28[th] June 1788.

.376] To

GEORGE UDNY ESQ[R]

Resident at Malda

Sir

I have this day deputed Persons to act in concert with an officer on the part of the Zemindar of Dinagepore to grant Pottahs to the Weavers, Inhabitants, of the following Purgunnahs.- Kurda, Beejanagur, Shusbeer, Raujenagur, Soujanagur, Myhanagur, Mohoso, and Suntose,

To remove as much as pofsible any Plea being made of Obstruction to the Labour of the Manufacturer, I have given it in Instruction to the

Officers, to attend at every Village where weavers reside, and put into Execution, upon the spot, the Duties they are specially appointed to perform.-

The Instructions for the Guidance of these Officers, I have drawn up in the fullest manner- The rate of afsefsment fixed, and to be inserted at large in the respective Pottas to be granted, will be clear and unequivocal, and adjusted upon fair principles for both Parties- The Pottahs will exhibit the net amo^{t} to be demanded by the Zemindar, and will ascertain to the Weaver the specific rates of Rent he will have to pay for the Land each respectively may hold, and become the rule of afsefsment, for any Ground he may in future chuse to cultivate.-

As it is to be apprehended from the Opposition I have invariably met with, to all Endeavours to establish a fixed rate of afsefsment for the Lands held by Weavers, that in the present renewal of them, they may persevere in refusing to receive Pottahs under the Restrictions laid down, - I have thought it expedient to enter in the Instructions an Article to thwart, if pofsible this disposition, which directs, "that all Weavers refusing to accept Pottahs upon the Terms prescribed, should be at liberty to give up their "Lands and receive a release regularly attested by the Collector, but in the "Event of their declining to accede to both these Propositions - The Lands "with the exclusion of the spot or spots of Ground upon which their Houses "are erected, shall be sequestered by the Officer charged with the Instruc- "tions, and be by him made over to the Mundull of the Village, or such Person "as he may deem qualified for the Trust-" but previous to this alternative being adopted, a Soorut haul (attested at least by one third of the Inhabitants of the Village in which the emergency may arise,) to be made, setting forth, that every entreaty from the officer has failed of Effect. - The Land upon which their mansions &c^{a} are erected, to be afsefsed by the officer, according to the usual and established rate of the Village, that is, what the Inhabitants of the same Village have for a series of ten years, paid Rent for per Bega, or Cotta, for Land of this description. -

The quantity of Land, the Rate of Rent, thus ascertained, together with a Kistbundee fixed for the payment,- to be made up as a Record, signed by the Officers of the Collector, and the Zemindar and be deposited with the Jumma Nevees of the Village - and upon failure to discharge the Rent so fixed, at the stipulated periods, the 9th article of the Regulations for Weavers to be enforced. -

You will be pleased to direct the native agents under your authority stationed in the Purgunnahs before recited, to afsist the officers, particularly by causing Lists to be delivered to them, containing the names of the Weavers, and place of their abode - and in general, to use their Exertions in promoting of this salutary object.-

I am,

Sir

Your very Obedient humble Serv^{t}

Dinagepore 28th June 1788.

No. 377] To D H Mc Dowall Esqre

Private — The Purgunna of Cabilpore I have taken in to Khaas management- and the Sezawal writes me that the Zemindar of Cabilpore obtained a Decree from your Awdaulut relative to the Haat of Acklumpore, the Complaint upon which the Decree pafsed, was created from the 9 annas Goragot People establishing a new Haut to the detriment of the Market of Acklumpore- all that appears to be required by the Sezawal is that your Decree may be carried into Execution and which at prefent he afserts is not the case - a Person on his part will deliver you this inform You with the particulars - and what is Right, I am sure you will do - Favour I ask not, because it not only is improper in matters of Meum, & Ticum,- but I make a rule never to shew any in similar Cases. -

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DINAGEPORE the 30th June 1788

No. 378] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Paymaster General -

SIR,

I have this day discharged a Draft No 4. dated 23d May 88 drawn upon you by Mr J. Bourdieu Deputy Paymaster in favor of Major Charles Maitland Commanding the 10th Battalion of sepoys for Current Rupees - 12, 462,. „ 4 -

I am

Sir

&ca -

Dinagepore July 1st 1788.

No. 379] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I transmit in English and Persian Accounts Settlement for the current Bengal Year 1195 together with Copy of my Proceedings held on the Settlement.

The Jumma of the Purgunna of Chowgong is rated for the current Year, I addrefsed the Board upon the subject, of under date the 14th Ultimo, and accompained my Letter with a Durkaust from the Zemindar ;- a clause is inserted upon the face of his Tahud, binding him to abide, by the result of the reference.

The Remifsions, exclusive of the amount remitted for the present, from the Purgunnah of Chowgong, are composed of Fractions included in the Jumma of the respective Mehals for the past Year, and which I have remitted, as being of no moment, on the contrary, the removal of these broken parts of the Rupee render the Engagements clear & compact.

I annex Copy and Translate of the reply to the application to the Mofufsil Canongoes as directed to be made in the Boards Letter of Instructions under date the 15th of April last, and beg to repeat my request contained in my Letter dated 13th Inst : for some mode to be adopted by which the officers on the part of the Canongoes may be regularly paid, and thereby enabled to perform the duties of their office.-

Foreseeing insuperable difficulties to prevent a compliance with the directions laid down in the 5th and 6th Articles of the Letter of Instructions, I shall hereafter forward to the Board a separate address upon the Subject.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 1st July 1788.

80] To

J.,, E.,, Harington Esqr

Accomptant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 30th June amounting to Sa Rs 18,877,,4,,2. is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taujepore.-

I am

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Servt

Dinagepore July 2d 1788

381] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William,

Gentlemen.

I have received your Letter of the 17th Ulto desiring that in addition to the information relative to the Buildings belonging to the Honble Company under my charge, that I will transmit a List of all Houses and Buildings, that are rented by the Honble Company.

The only Buildings rented by the Honble Company are a large Bungalow built Cutcherry, appropriated by me for carrying on the Businefs of my Offices of Collector, and Magistrate, a separate Building for the businefs of the Dewanny Adawlut together with the respective, out Houses to each, and a Brick Building for the Treasury Office, the whole of these Buildings are rented to the Company at 60 Rupees per Month including repairs,

The Honble Companys House in its present state is uninhabitable and to repair it, would be uselefs, as the foundation has long been in a mouldering condition from the introus [*sic*] particles in the Earth; the materials might be appropriated to the erecting of a Cutcherry, or such offices as would be serviceable, for the carrying on the public businefs; The Records are now of necefsity deposited in straw choppahs, and liable of course to casualty, especially from Fire, which during the dry season, is annually to be apprehended.

I am,

Gentlemen

&ca

Dinagepore July 2d 1788.

382] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort William

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of the 24th Ulto directing immediate measures being adopted to endeavour and restore the river Teesta to its former Channel,

The Rains are now set in, and as no operation can at present be commenced with any hope of effect, I shall defer sending the European up to the spot, where the obstruction is formed, till the rains shall begin to subside,

I am

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient

humble Servant,

DINAGEPORE THE 2^d^ JULY 1788

383] To

JOHN EDWARD HARINGTON ESQ^R^ -

Accomptant to the Revenue Department

SIR,

I request you will be so good, as [*sic*] inform me as early as poſsible under what Heads Fines are to be credited, and charges of Remittance of the Revenue Hundean &c^a^ are to be inserted, in the new Form for the Treasury Account -

I am,

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant

Dinagepore July 3^d^ 1788.

384] BURRISH CRISP ESQ^R^

Register to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut.

Sir

I was this day apprized by your circular Letter of the 5^th^ of June. with the orders of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut. to forward the return therein directed by the 1^st^ of the current Month, it is now preparing and shall be forwarded as early as poſsible ;

I am

Sir

Your obedient Servant.

Dinagepore July 3^d^ 1788

385] EDWARD HAY ESQ^R^

Secretary to the Government.

Sir

I have this day received your Letter of the 29^th^ Ultimo, and will cause to be dispatched to the Presidency by the way of the Coſsimbazar River with as little delay as poſsible, a quantity of Rice as directed, either by consignment, and purchase, or by prevailing with the Merchants to send their Rice to Calcutta,

I am

Sir

Your very obedient hble servant

Dinagepore July 4th 88

o. 386] Day Hort Mc Dowall Esqr

Collector of Rungpore

Sir,

I have received your Letter and Enclosure,

To commence any operation for diverting of the River Teesta into its former Channel at this season of the Year, would be incurring an Expence without deriving the least benefit ; Copy of what I have said to the Board on the subject, I enclose

and am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble servant-

Dinagepore July 5th 1788

o. 387] George Udny Esqr

Resident at Maulda

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 23d Ultimo together with Lists of Weavers.

I request that you will not give too easy credit to the reports made to you by Weavers. especially on matters, in which they find their account in misrepresenting ; and I must here remark that you would have done me more justice by informing me, at the time, the unqualified afsertions alluded to at the close of the 2d Paragraph of your Letter were made, had you then annexed any Faith, than by reserving of them to bring forward at fo late a period, The records of my office exhibit a compleat refutation of this afsertion.

The Interests committed to our respective trusts being reciprocally the duty of both to promote, it would be lamentable indeed, if the idle tales propagated by the Weavers, manifestly with a view to their own Interest. and to favour their natural and favourable system of delay. should be allowed to defeat your exertions in obliging them to comply with their Engagements or mine, to realize the rents due from them : and I must here again repeat that their Complaints for overexertion in general are unfounded, otherwise they would not abandon their suits at the Hour of investigation

I shall summons [*sic*] the Chowdrry of Peergatchy to answer for his conduct in confining the Weavers and will otherwise punish him by dismifsion ; as also the officer stationed on the part of the Government, in the Purgunna of Soujanagur for neglecting to give due information of the circumstance

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant -

Dinagepore July 5th 1788

388] John Macfarlane Esq^{R}

Clerk of the Market

Fort William

Sir

The Bearer escorts one Boat of Rice from Dinagepore.

I am

Sir

your obedient

humble servant.

N. B. 19 of these Letters sent to Mr Macfarlane.

Dinagepore July 5th 1788

389] John Macfarlane Esqr

Clerk of the Market

Fort William

Sir

Nineteen Boats laden with rice are under dispatch for Calcutta.

The particulars of the Cargoes, are exhibited in the Enclosure.

The Merchants to whom the Grain belongs, are not upon the Spot, and their Agents who consign it to Calcutta not being authorized to dispose of it at Dinagepore ; the appropriation, adjustment of the rate &c will rest with you, and to prevent any unnecessary delay being occasioned, and to furnish the Market at Calcutta with the required supply as expeditiously as pofsible I have directed an Officer with a Letter to you, to proceed upon each respective Boat, to notify to you the arrival at Calcutta ; The numbers to the Letters in charge of the several officers, refer to the Numbers inserted in the enclosed Bill of laden

Be pleased to inform me with the date of the receipt of the respective Letters, and direct the Officers to return forthwith to Dinagepore.

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore July 5th 1788

390] Matthew Dawson Esqr

Collector of Muxadavad

Sir

Be pleased to afford the Bearer the afsistance he may require in forwarding the Grain Boat under Escort to the Presidency,

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant -

Dinagepore July 7th 1788

391] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen.

Prior to the receipt of your circular Letter dated the 27th of June prohibiting the Collectors from granting Pottahs I had dispatch'd officers to act in concert with the Persons deputed by the Zemindar of Purgunna Havillee Pinjeerah to grant Pottahs in the name of the Zemindar to the Weavers employed by the Honble Company : this measure I adopted as the only means of ascertaining to the Weaver the rent he is to pay to the Zemindar. and clearly defining what rent the latter or his officer is to demand, and as this point has been a source of a continued correspondence between the Resident at Malda and me, exclusive of the numerous references from native Agents employed on the Investment in the Aurung, I thought it adviseable by endeavouring to remove the cause, to put a period to it : and I had no prospect of terminating the receprocal contests, between the Weavers Cultivators and the Zemindars, otherwise than by the means I have taken, and which I request the Board will be pleased to obtain authority for being carried fully into execution, The Pottahs I propose the Zemindar should give to the Weavers may be granted for one Year only, and renewable at the will of the Government ;

I shall prohibit Pottahs being delivered until the pleasure of his Lordship in Council shall be known.

For the further information of the Board on this head I annex Copy of the Letter written to the Resident at Malda at the time the Officers were fent into the Mofufsil

I am

Gentlemen

your obedient

humble servant.

subordinate to, and connected with this clause will cease. I shall most chearfully adopt any further feasible, alteration you may suggest, as being calculated to secure a fair afsessment of the Lands cultivated by Weavers, and thereby guard against such consequences arising, as you apprehend, would result, if the Ruler by which I proposed to effect this object were enforced and with this view I enclose a copy of the Instructions delivered to the officers at their departure-

I conceive no objection to the Rate of Rent ought to apply, as no deviation will take place in cefsing it the general and invariable rule on these occasions being the Nirk of the different qualities of Land appearing upon the Nirk bundee of the Village to which the Lands appertain

I am about to adopt.

As your Letter implies that you deem your coment necefsary to the fixing of the afsessment to be paid by Weavers, I recommend making the Reference alluded to by you as I am of a quite contrary opinion.

I am Sir

Your obed[t] hble ferv[t]

Dinagepore the 10[th] July 1788

[No. 396] To

E,, E,, Burges Esq[r]

Magistrate of Muxadavad

Sir,

A Person named Narrain Summoodar of Seidpore of Purg[h] Curryle in this District and who was rescued from the hands of the Foujedarry officers who had apprehended him is reported to have escaped to the City of Muxadavad, Copy of the Dhurkaast of the Prosecuter Boodnarrain I enclose, and request you will please to cause search to be made after Narrain Summoodar, and when apprehended be pleased to cause him to be delivered into the charge of the officers I now send to receive him.—

I am

Sir

&c[a]

Dinagepore the 10th July 1788.

[No.397] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Magistrate

MUXADAVAD.

Sir

It being reported that Narrain Summoodar has flown to the Island of Cofsimbuzar. I request you will cause search to be made for him, and when apprehended cause him to be delivered over to the Bearers.-

Duplicate of my Letter of the 10th of June last I enclose.—together with copy of Dhurkaust from the Prosecutor.

I am

Sir

Your very Obt humble Servt

Dinagepore 12th July 1788-

[No.398] To

MARMADUKE GREY ESQR

late Register to the Dewy Adawt

at

TAUGEPORE

Sir

Andeeram vakeel to Obeychurn Buxey claims payment from Suckroola Cutwal and others, upon an award, given by Raja Radanauth in consequence of his suit, being referred to arbitration by the late judge of the Taujepore Adawlut- Anderam has exhibited copy of the proceedings held by the arbitrators, and afserts that the original was transmitted to the Adawlut at Taujepore, in the Month of Bhadun 1193-

No trace of these proceedgs being to be met with in the Records transmitted by you—I request you will be pleased to make search into those remaining, and if to be found, forward the Original papers in the Suit of

Obeychurn Buxey

Versus

Suckrulla Cutwal & others

The Petition filed at Taujepore for 651 Rupees and referred to arbitration in the month of Afsar 1193-

I am &ca

DINAGEPORE JULY 12th 1788

. 399] MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of MUXADAVAD

Sir

Radachurn Chakee the Mofufsil Naib of Purgunna Barbuckpore 14 annas together with Kifsensurn and Hurry Mustophee, and Radamohun shomar Nevees having eloped from the Cutcherry of Purgunna Barbuckpore and carried away with them all the Papers of the Purgunna, I request you will cause them to be apprehended forthwith; The Place they have escaped to, is named Bulkar in Purgunna Janguepore; without these officers the Settlement of the Purgunna must be necefsarily impeded, and I shall esteem myself obliged, if you will exert yourself in causing them to be apprehended and fent to me.

I enclose Copy of the Dhurkaast presented to me by the Farmer, and am

Sir

your very obedient

humble servant

Dinagepore July 13th 1788

. 400] GEORGE HILARO BARLOW ESQR

Afsistant Secretary to the Government.

Sir

I this day received your Letter of the 2d Instant transmitting the resolutions of the Governor General in Council regarding the Suit instituted against the Raja of Dinagepore, and will depute two Persons forthwith to Calcutta to make Oath to the date of the Rajahs Birth, together with all the Evidence I can obtain to support the pleas for setting aside the Judgment given in favor of Gopenauth dofs.

I am

Sir

your very obedient humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 14th July 1788

No. 401] To

MATTHEW DAWSON ESQR

Collector of Muxadavad

Sir,

The Overt Conduct of the officers (Omla) stationed at Haât seebgunje in Purgunna Jangueepore situated upon a branch of the River Attrie is become so very flagrant, and oppreſsive that the Merchants whose Boats are constantly paſsing, and repaſsing, are determined to unite in a general representation of the grievance if a stop be not speedily put to a practice which the Government has so particularly prohibited

The Enclosed Representations are of a nature to induce me in transmitting Them, to desire you will make a particular enquiry into the merits, and cause the Parties to be reimbursed the Expences of attending to prove the Facts as also retribution for the Treatment they have aſserted to have experienced from the officers of Haât seebgunje.-

I am

Sir, &ca

DINAGEPORE the 14th July 1788.

No. 402] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.

SIR,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogah's Reports in Persian with Translates for the month of Ramzan 1202-

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under sentence to the End of Ramzan—

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been paſsed by the Darogah-

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Causes referred to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence-

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in preceeding Month upon former References

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's charge to be tried—

I am,

SIR &ca

Dinagepore the 16th July 1788.

[No. 403] To

MARMADUKE GREY ESQR

late Register to the Adawlut at

TAUJEPORE

Sir

Soodisht claims 236,, Rs the amount received on a Decree obtained against Chucker pawn Paharree in the Court of Taujepore, as this sum I imagine, must be amongst the Deposits belonging to that Court- I shall be Obliged to you to cause the amount to be paid the Bearer Soodisht Paharree or inform me to what Person I am to apply for the amount.—

I am

Sir

Your very Obt humble Servt

Dinagepore July 16th 1788.

[No. 404] EDWARD HAY ESQR

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

SIR

At the request of Godadur Gose the Vakeel of Sied Buddie ul Z'man, I forward the accompanying Persian Paper, containing Testimonies relative to Mr Hastings.

I am

SIR

Your most obt hble servt

Dinagepore July 17[th] 1788

No. 405] GEORGE UDNY ESQ[R]

Resident at MALDA,

Sir,

I enclose Copies of two Letters received for the Aumeen deputed to adjust the Rents of the Weavers; by which it would appear that the Weavers are in no shape averse to submitting to a measurement of the Lands they cultivate, and I request you will be pleased to fend directions to the native Agents stationed under you in the Mofufsil, to be careful in promoting of this disposition in the Weavers.

I am

Sir

Your ob[t] humble servant.

Dinagepore July 20[th] 1788.

No. 406] EDWARD HAY ESQ[R]

Secretary to the Government

Sir

Aukil Roy the Father of the Raja of Dinagepore together with Joydeb Roy and Sunkur Tagoor now attend, in conformity to the Directions contained in the Letter from the Afsistant Secretary dated the 2[d] Instant:

I am

Sir

your very obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore July 22^{d} 1788.

407] Edward Hay Esq^{r}

Secretary to the Government

Sir

In conformity to the directions contained in the Afsistant Secretarys Letter of the 2^{d} Instant, I transmit as per accompanying List, Copies of Sundry Papers, the contents of which may be deemed useful Evidence in supporting of the pleas directed to be made, for setting aside the judgement obtained by Gopeenauth dofs against the Raja of Dinagepore.

Aukil Roy the Father of the Raja and two other Persons named Joydeb roy and Sunker Tagore left Dinagepore on the 20^{th} Inst : for Calcutta, to attest the date of the Rajas Birth :

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servants.

List of Enclosures.

408] N° 1. Copy of Letter from the Collector to the Acting President of the Khalsa dated 17^{th} of July 1787.

2. Extract of the Collectors Letter to the Board of Revenue dated 10^{th} of August 1787.
3. Copy of the Board of Revenues Letter to the Collector dated 28^{th} of August 1787.
4. Copy of Letter from the Collector to the Acting President of the Khalsa dated 20^{th} of September 1787. with Copy of the Vakeelutnama

Persian Papers.

N° 1. Copy of the Collectors Application to the Rannee for the seal of the Raja dated the 22^{d} of Afsar 1194.

1. Copy of the Ranees reply to the Collectors Letter of the 22^{d} of Afsar 1194.
2. Copy of the Collectors Application to the Rannee for the Seal of the Raja dated the 30^{th} of Afsar 1194.
2. Copy of the Rannees reply to the Collectors Letter of the 30^{th} of Afsar 1194.
3. Copy of the Collectors Letter to the Rannee dated the 27^{th} of Bhadun 1194
3. Copy of the Rannees reply to the Collectors Letter dated 27^{th} of Bhadun 1194.
4. Copy of the Purwannah to Ramcaunt Roy the Naib Zemindar dated the 30^{th} of Bhadun 1194.

Dinagepore July 25th 1788.

No. 409] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue,

FORT WILLIAM. —

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the 15th July,

PURGUNNA CHOWGONG.

The Account Jumma Wafsil Bakee forwarded in my Letter of the 14th of June states the Jumma of this Purgunna according to the Zemindars Mofufsil Settlement for the Bengal Year 1193, The Account Settlement transmitted to the Board the 1st Inst : exhibits the Jumma in demand from the Zemindar by Government,

The Sum of Rs 6,057..12.4. the amount anticipation of the Revenue of 1194, is included in the detailed Account Collections

I deducted the Sum of Rs 113..5 from the Tahud for the Current Year, because in the detailed account, this amount is stated as an excefs collected over and above the stipulated Jumma of course is an exaction, and I thought proper to guard against a renewal of it,

FARM OF POWGATCHEE.

I enclose Copy of Mr Fenwicks Purwanna by which the Village of Chundun was made Karridge-

PURGUNNA CABILPORE

The Zemindar was called upon by Purwanna to attend in person or depute an authorized Vakeel to execute the Engagements; Comloocaunt the Person who appeared as Vakeel on the part of the Zemindar not having any power of attorney, afserted that he was not qualified to fign the Engagements, this circumstance added to my desire to endeavour and fulfill the expectations of an increase from this Mehal, entertained by the Board, in their instructions for the Settlement of this Purgunna contained in their Letter of the 15th of April last, induced me to make the Collections Khaas,

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble servant.

DINAGEPORE July 30th 1788.

o. 410] EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government,

Sir,

For the information of his Lordship I transmit an Account of the Quantity of Grain /Rice/ dispatch'd for Calcutta, and Moorshedabad from Raujegunge Gogadunga and Chumpurtullee ; three principal Markets near to Dinagepore and where the Merchants annually deposit their Grain, to be in readinefs for embarking.

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble servant.

DINAGEPORE the 1st August 88.

o. 411] To

J,, E,, HARINGTON ESQR

Accomptant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st July amounting to Sa Rs 10,642,,14,,9,,2- is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taugepore -

I am,

Sir,

&ca

Dinagepore Aug 9th 1788

o. 412] D. H,, Mc DOWALL ESQR

Magistrate

Rungpore

Sir

Boodul now under conviction having charged Cullee Sirdar, with being an Accomplice in a Murder. I have to request you will cause him to be apprehended and fent forthwith to me.

I enclose the Deposition of Boodull.

and am

Sir

Your obedient hble Servt

Dinagepore the 10th August 1788

No. 413] To

George Udny Esq^{R}

Resident at Malda

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 28th Ult°.-The papers accompanying it I will transmit to the Officers in the Mofufsil, form a part of the Report, to be delivered in by them respectively, upon their accomplishing of the Businefs, they are deputed to perform.-

The Objections, or rather, in the Words of your Letter, the universal Complaints from the Weavers, in regard to the Measurement of their Chundyna Lands- is really too ludecrous a pretext to be treated seriously.- as if the measuring of the Ground on the outer part of their Houses by an officer on the part of the Collector, or Zemindar, in Reason, or in prejudice was more disgraceful, than a Muckeem, or a Peon, on the part of the Commercial Resident, or his agent stalking into their Houses, at all Hours to look after Looms, and Cloths. —

For Ten years of my servitude, I was employed in the Commercial line and during the five last, had the charge of the Investment and of the Chief Cloth Aurungs in the Dacca, District confided to Me. I mention this circumstance merely to manifest to you, that I am well acquainted with the Practices, and usages of Weavers.- However I have even studied their caprices in the present instance, from the sanguine hope of putting an end, to a correspondence so very inconvenient and embarrafsing - and have directed the skirts only, of the Bufsut barree Lands to be measured, from which an accurate calculation may be made of the whole quantity of Square Cottahs pofsefsed by the Weaver.-

The Custom of measuring Bafsut barree Lands occurs in practice as frequently as the measuring of Lands of other descriptions, and be afsured, if there be aught of novelty, in the act, it applies to Weavers only, who hitherto, of late years by an acquired influence subversive of the Zemindars Priviledges have in cases of the present nature nearly annihilated his right, to measure the Lands of his Riauts whenever he may see occasion for it- However it is by an authority, more immediately coercive to that vested in the Zemindar, that the Measurement in question, has been directed, and for Reason, which I have deemed sufficiently, urgent to induce it.

I have further to observe in general reply to your Letter, that I shall demand, and expect, payment of the Rents, from the Weavers, according to the usual Rates paid by other Riauts, to be adjusted according to the Rules fully explained to you in my Letter of the 28th of June last-

My authority upon all occasions whether Weavers, or other Riauts be the cause of its exertion, has, and ever will be, put forth, with moderation, and on the present occasion, directed only towards maintaining the Zemindar in his just Rights over his Riauts, and preserving the latter from being exposed to oppresfion by the measures he may pursue in afserting of them ;

and when this is not merely my declared, but efficient Principle of Conduct I confefs a scrutiny, such as I conceive to be extraneous to the Province from which it springs, is exceedingly vexatious, and what I did not expect to have to encounter with; much lefs to be called upon by you, to explain and enter into a detail of the manner of afsefsing the Lands of Riauts &c[a]

For the rest, I decline perpetuating a fruitlefs controversy on a subject which I have already frankly told you, in the last Paragraph of my Letter of the 9[th] Ult[o], I do not admit your competency to discufs.—

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant

414] To DINAGEPORE the 11[th] August 1788.

S,, G,, HEATLY ESQ[R]
Judge
Purnea,

SIR

The Bearer requests you will be pleased to cause the Records of your awdawlut to be searched, and Copy Granted to him of the Papers, and award of the arbitrators in the Suit of obeychurn, Versus, Sookrulla.—

I am.
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Serv[t]

415] GEORGE UDNY ESQ[R] DINAGEPORE AUG[ST] 11[th] 1788

RESIDENT AT MALDA

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 6[th] Instant; I will call upon the Aumeen in Myhanagur to fend up an answer to the Petition it enclosed. and which fhall be forwarded to you immediately upon the receipt :

I am
Sir
Your very obedient
humble Servant.

DINAGEPORE the 12th August 1788.

o. 416] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

SIR

Accompanying I transmit you Darogah's Reports in Persian with Translates for the Month of Shawal 1202.—

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under Sentence to the End of Shawal.

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom Sentence has been pafsed by the Darogha-

3d Report or List of Prisoners tried and their cause refered to the Naib Nazim for his Sentence-

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in preceding Month upon former References-

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Darogah's charge to be tried.—

I am, Sir &ca

Dinagepore the 14th August 88

o. 417] To

EDWARD FENWICK ESQR

Military Paymaster General-

FORT WILLIAM

Sir

I have this day discharged a Draft No 21. dated 25th July 1788. drawn upon you by Mr Wm Farquharson Paymaster in favor of Major Charles Maitland Commanding the 10th Battalion of Sepoys for Current Rupees 12,501,,15,,3.—

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

o. 418] Edward Hay Esq[r] Dinagepore August 14[th] 1788

Secretary to the Government.

Sir

At the request of Roopram the Vakeel of Rezzied'die I transmit the enclosed Persian Paper containing testimonies relative to M[r] Hastings.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

. 419] Benjamin Aplin Esq[r] Dinagepore Aug[st] 15[th] 1788

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Be pleased to cause the Bills enclosed in my Letters of the 15[th] of June to be returned ; pafsed and admitted, as notified to me in the Boards Letter of the 8[th] of July and which I require as a Voucher for the charges being inserted in my Treasury Account. The Bills are M[r] Hunters and M[r] Purlings for Travelling Charges.

I am

Sir

Your very ob[t] hble

Serv[t]

420] To

Dinagepore the 16[th] August 1788.

M[R] T,, H,, Dingley

Residing at

Saumgunje

Sir,

Omur Sing the Drogha of Haât Harrêear Pattar, represents that you have directed, some Houses in the Haât to be distroyed and have desired others to be removed- If any necefsity should exist for removing of Houses be pleased to state it to me- in the mean time I desire you will desist from causing any alteration being made under the sanction of your own Authority.—

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

Dinagepore the 16th Augt 88

[No. 421] To

George Udny Esqr

Resident at Malda

Sir.

I, send you Copy's of two Representations received from the officers stationed at the Bazar of Harriar Pattar, a Fair in Purgunna Suntose, some Ground I apprehend may have originated to cause the Representation being made, and I wish you would be pleased to enjoin Mr Dingley not to exercise any authority whatever.-

Exclusive of the irrigularity attending the taking upon himself, or directing others to execute any coercive act, he subjects himself by it, to the risk of being put to very great inconvenience as you will perceive, that by the annexed Extract of the Regulations, the affidavits of the Persons charging any European with ill treating them, is to be full sanction to the Magistrate to cause him or them to be apprehended and sent for Trial to the Presidency.-

I have written to Mr Dingley to desire he would desist, in the event of his having taken any steps to remove the Houses in Bazar Harriar Pattar, and when you shall write him, be pleased to inform him, that I shall always readily attend to any matter he may think proper to represent as requiring the Interposition of any legal authority, but that I cannot admit of his exercising any on his own part.- To evince to you that my suspicions of this being the case are some times founded, I enclose Copy of a writing delivered by Mr Dingley with the Initials of his name to Pursaud Sing on which occasion I addrefsed you some Months since—

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant

Dinagepore the 18th Augt 1788

[No. 422] To

Richd Becher Esqr

Resident at-

Rungpore-

Sir

Be pleased to cause Jurroo Picar to attend at Dinagepore, in order to his evidence being delivered in upon Oath- an Escort is now on the way to Rungpore, and by the return of it, Jurroo may take the advantage of putting himself under the Protection of it.—

I am,
Sir,
Your very Obt humble Servt

Dinagepore the 19th August 1788

423] To

John Shore Esq[r]

President &c[a] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th Instant directing me to state why I have not collected and remitted Rupees 132-12-5. the Balance reported due upon the Aumilnama Fees on the Jumma of the District - the following Statement, I presume will be fully explanatory——

Aumilnama Fees upon the Jumma of the District for the Bengal Year - - - - - - - -		- 3,213 - 6 - -
Deduct Fees upon the Jumma of Purgunna Chowgong as the Settlement of this Mehal was not concluded till the period for collecting the aumilnama Fees had elapsed, and which was received at the close of that year and brought to account in the Treasury Account for the month of July last - - - -		37 - 8 - -
Balance collected with the three first Kists of the Year 1194		- 3,175 -14 - -
Remitted by Hundee the 3d September 1787 -	3080 - 10 - - ,,	
Hundian - - - - - - -	95 - 4 - - ,,	
	3,175 - 14 -,,-,,	

I am,

Gentlemen

Your very obed[t] hble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 20th August 1788.

424] To

George Udny Esq[r]

Resident at

Malda –

Sir,

I enclose Copy of my Enquiry, made of Nazer Mahmud the Peon, officially stationed with Jaggernauth Nundee the Aumeen in Myhanagur, and who happened to be casually at Dinagepore, at the time your Letter with the representation of the Weavers of Moolucpara arrived - The man offered to attest his replies to my Interrogatories, upon Oath, but as the occasion, and also the respectability of the Character of the man, did not require it,

I dispensed with so solmn [*sic*] a Test, and hope that the charge of the Weavers of Moolucpara, may be fully disproved, for the sake of the credit of the Officer, against who [*sic*] they are made

I am,

SIR,

Your very obedient hble Servant-

425] To DINAGEPORE the 20h August 1788.

J. E. HARRINGTON ESQR

Accomptant to the Board of Revenue-

SIR,

I will endeavour to comply with your desire contained in your Letter of the 14th Inst but I fear the Weekly Estimate of probable Receipts and Disbursements required, will unavoidably be very inaccurate as the Zemindars are not able to ascertain at what period in the course of the Month their monthly demands upon the Mofufsil will be realized, and cannot fix with certainty the dates when they can make their Payments into the Collector's Treasury—nor am I of opinion that the Zemindars can be brought to ascertain to the Collector with accuracy what Payments, or on what Days they can make them.—The attempt to oblige them to it, I fear would throw the Mofufsil Collections into confusion, without answering the End required- Throughout the Purgunna Havellee Pinjeerah The Zemindar's Monthly Mofufsil Towjee is divided into two Instalments- the payment of the first looked for by the 15th of the current Month, for which it is in demand, and the last by the close of it.—From the Mehals in Silberris, I never receive the Kist till near the close of the current Month, for which it is in demand, when the whole is sent up to me, at once under an Escort- and the Instalments for the Receipts from the Renters, and Riauts, are I understand regulated accordingly- These Obstacles will materially operate to prevent the weekly Estimate of Receipts you require from being formed, and I would suggest that an Account of Cash balance, to be forwarded every 15 days, be substituted in lieu of the Weekly Estimate of probable Receipts- The Estimate of Disbursements can be accurately ascertained & stated- the Balance may be compared with the Tawjee for the Month, and the delivery of the Bills be regulated according to the Sum which may remain to be received from the District in the course of the Month.—

This is a Mode which appears to me practicable, and by which you can be furnished with the Information you require, and I shall be very happy, if my suggestion should meet with your concurrence, as it would spare me a great deal of embarrafsment, which must attend any attempt to regulate a weekly Estimate of Probable receipts with any degree, of accuracy if at all to be accomplished.-

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient hble Servt

o. 426] John White Esq[R]

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.

Sir,

In consequence of a late representation from the Inhabitants of the Purgunna situated upon the South East Boundary of this District of the continued alarms they are under from the frequent Robberies committed in those Purgunnas by Gangs of House breakers who nightly infest the Villages and take refuge in the neighbouring Lands denominated the Dewans Jagheer I ſent a Publication to the Officers in charge of the Collections of this Spot directing them to afsist in apprehending such Persons as ſhould be charged with being Ringleaders or Abetters of the Buglaries [*sic*] and taking shalter [*sic*] in the Jagheer, The Peon who was charged with the Precept has deposed upon Oath. to the refusal of the collecting Officers to acknowledge the Jurisdiction of the Magistrate of Dinagepore over the Jagheer ; arising I suspect from an Idea that the Collectors are authorized by the Regulations to exercise civil and criminal Jurisdiction only over the Persons residing within the limits of their respective Collectorſhips, and in this sense this Jagheer is under no authorized Jurisdiction whatever, and may, as I fear it does, become a place of refuge to such Persons who by their atrocious Acts are obnoxious to the Law. It is therefore a matter of moment that Government ſhould apply a remedy to an Evil fraught with ſuch alarming consequences to the Lives, and Property of the Inhabitants.

The Jagheer is formed of parcels of Land separated many Years ſince from the Purgunnas of Pyrabund and Surhutta composing a part of the Zemindarry of Dinagepore, and I understand is by prescriptive right held by the Roy Royan for the time being,

Copy of the Purwanna to the Officers of the Dewans Jagheer and of the Peons Deposition I annex.

Purrna a Tongue of Land laying almost in a direct Line North from the River Ganges bounded on the West by parts of Muxadavad Raujemahl and Purnea Districts, on the East, by parts dependant on Muxadavad and Dinagepore, with respect to Judicial Jurisdiction, is in a ſimilar predicament with the Dewan Jagheer. This alienation is under the management, and controul of a person named Sudder [. . .] a Resident in Calcutta and I understand is a Grant made for the purpose of maintaining the Mudreſsa at the Presidency, and is a place of general resort for all Muſselmen Fakeers who of late Years have formed themselves into predatory Bands, and when opportunity favors their views. lay the Inhabitants under contribution.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore

the 23[d] August 1788

Dinagepore August 24th 1788.

427] JOHN SHORE ESQR

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue.

GENTLEMEN,

John Lyndsay the Person who I mentioned in my Letter of the 30th of May and lately fent up to survey and report upon the Bar formed in the River Attri has returned. and from his view of the obstructions and the situation of the Spot where they are formed, he tells me that in his opinion the best method for to effectually divert the Stream back to the Channels which it has forsaken and divide it between the river Goggot and the Channels branches of the River Attri, will be to erect a strong Bank to be secured with Piles. and to be made with the materials produced from the excavation of the cut made thro the Bar; the Bank is intended for the purpose of forcing the Stream into its proper Channel.

A Draft of the present situation of the Bar and of the opening into the rivers affected by it is annexed, as also an Estimate of the computed Expence of the work proposed.

If the Governor General in Council shall approve of the plan for the Undertaking, and of the Estimate of the computed Expence of it, the earlier I shall be honored with his directions the better. as the Timbers required for Piling must necefsarily be floated during the remainder of the rainy Season from Jelpigory to the Spot where the Work is to be commenced.

The Price of the Materials and of the labor is computed upon the usual and known rates in the District, and in the event of his Lordships directing the operations to be began: I am confident the Person I recommend to be employed will not exceed in Materials Workmens labour, or in time, what shall be absolutely indespensible to complete the Undertaking.

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 25th Augst

1788

428] To John Shore Esqre

President &ca Members

of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I apprehend that the directions conveyed in your Letter of the 8th Instt relating to the Purgunna Chowgong have originated from any statement in my Letter of the 25th Ulto being defective in the information it certainly intended to furnish and in further explanation submit the annexed account;

From the Statement of the Collections made from this Purgunna last year and forwarded to the Board the 14th June Rupees 6008.3.4.3 remained uncollected - a defeciency equal to near one fourth part of the Mofufsel Jumma, at which it was rated. —

In my Letter of the 10th of November 1787 I informed the Board that "allowing for the deduction of the sum collected by Gowreecaunt the Naib, I "have secured the Balance of the Tahud as paid last year, by appointing a "reputable and responsible inhabitant of the Purgunna to the office of "Sezawal" This Person named Mamud Saaduc was born in the Purgunna, was in affluent circumstances and attached to the Zemindar, and fearing lest the bad management of the Naib should invalue the Zemindarry, voluntarily offered to act as Sezawal, and pay up the Revenue according to the demand of Government, upon the deduction of the amount difsipated by the Naib, being granted. which I admitted and held him to the full payment. of the Balance ; The amount he actually realized in the mofussil evidently was short of the sum he paid into the Treasury.— This being the state of the case, the Board, I hope, will be enabled to judge, from it, of the propriety or otherwise of continuing in force the directions recently given to me with respect to this Mehal, in consequence of conclusions drawn from my Letter of the 25th Ult° -

The Sezawal notwithstanding the balance due to him from the Purgunna declined, the management of the collections for the current year as appears in my proceedings upon the settlement and it is more than probable from this circumstance (setting out of the question the deficiency uncollected upon the Mofufsil Jumma of last year) that the Purgunna is not able to yield what the Board suppose it did—and I fear that if it be published for Farm, upon the Terms directed no offers will be made, and if held Khas, no greater sum be realized than what the Zemindar has already engaged to pay

With deference, I have ventured to suspend the execution of the Boards late directions, deeming it requisite from the situation of the case to apply for fresh Instructions.

Copy of the Purwanna sent to the Zemindar of Purgh Cabilpore together with his answer I transmit ; upon the non attendence of an authorized Vakeel on the part of the Zemindar and the un-satisfactory reply made by him to the Purwanna- I took charge of the collections, and if in doing so I may in the Board's opinion have erred, I shall yet entertain a Hope, that I may appear entitled to some credit for having confirmed by the act the Board's expectation of an Increase to be obtained from this Mehal, as expressed in their Letter of Instructions dated the 15th of April last

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obedt hble sr

DINAGEPORE the 27th August 1788-

429] To

RICHARD BECHER ESQR

Resident at Rungpore

Sir

I have received Your Letter of the 25th Instant enclosing the representation from Cabil, and Hubbeeb Delolls, of a Robbery committed in Pyrabund—

Please to direct one of the subscribing parties to attend at Dinagepore in order that I may examine into the circumstances of the Robbery, and thereby be enabled to pursue the necefsary measures for apprehending the Perpetrators.-

It would facilitate the apprehending of Decoits if the suffering Persons, would make known the Robbery by immediate application to the Magistrate, The Time which elapses from the notice coming to him by circulation of reference from one to the other Party, 'ere it can pofsibly reach me, is frequently the cause of miscarriage in the attempts made to apprehend the Robbers, and it is very necefsary that you should impart this notice to the Persons dependant on your Factory.

I shall in a few Days send a Patrole to act as a safe Guard to the Inhabitants residing on the South-East Boundary of this District. —

I am, Sir

Your very obedient hble Servt

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the 28th August 1788-

430] To

EDWARD HAY ESQR

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 14th August - I beg leave to inform you that I arrived at the first Port in India Via: Madras on the—of July 1769 with the rank of Writer to rise on Board of the Royal Charlottee -

That I resigned the service on the of and sailed from the Last Port in India Viz: on my return to England on the of on Board of

That I arrived at the first Port in India Viz: on my return on the of on Board of the—

That I now hold the following Offices	Date of appointment	Commencement of Salary-
Collector of Dinagepore	25th of April 1786-	25th of April 1786.—

I am,

Sir &ca

DINAGEPORE the 30th August 1788

o. 431] To

PETER SPEKE ESQ[R]

Magistrate

Radshye

SIR,

I enclose a Zewanbundee made before me by Imaumodie Mundull, whose son was murdered on the night of the 29th of Poos 1194 and his House robbed of all the Effects by a Gand [*sic*] of House breakers, some of whom have been apprehended, convicted, and executed - it now remains to apprehend a Person named Roujye who is charged with being a Principal in and Instigator of the Murder, and Robbery- living in Moza Muttoohan in Purgunna Purtabbazzoo bordering upon the Purgunnah in which the Murder was committed,- if you will cause a Dustuc to be forwarded to me, for this purpose, and direct the Officers of Purgunna Purtabbazoo to unite their Afsistance, to the Party I will send to them to support the Officer in the Execution of the Dustuck, I make no doubt of this notorious offender being taken —

I am,

SIR &c[a]

DINAGEPORE the 30th August 1788

o. 432] To

D,, H,, M[c] DOWAL ESQ[R]

Magistrate

RUNGPORE

Sir

I have to request you will send Jerroo Pikar to Dinagepore in order that he may undergo an examination respecting the Robbery and Murder committed on Chundernarrain as set forth in his Zewanbundee forwarded to me in the Resident of Rungpore's Letter dated the 15th Instant -

I am,

Sir, &c[a]

30th August 1788-

433] To

Mr John Fendall

Acting Magistrate

Moorshedabad

Sir,

I enclose deposition made by Juggroo, Nazier, & Huckeem three principal Riauts of Moza Deeboor in Purgunna Suntose, charging Ashruff Mundull of Fuckerund in 2 annas Suntose, Purgunna Contoonagur with an afsault- and request you will please to cause Ashruff to be apprehended and sent to Dinagepore.—

I am,

Sir &ca

Dinagepore the 31st August 88.

434] To

Mr George Purling

Sir,

Ramniddee Sien the Aumun deputed into the Purgunnahs of Curda - Beejanagur and Shuzbeer has informed me that the Weavers Inhabitants of Moza Bifsaatapara in Purgunna Shuzbeer have refused admitting of his authority to measure their Lands, I therefore request you will repair to the Village of Bifsattaparra, and cause the Lands held by the Weavers to be measured, under the Instuctions and Rules delivered to the Aumeen, and Zemindars agent at the time they were sent upon this Duty, and to which I refer you as being fully explanatory of the material Points necefsary to be attended to in the execution of their Commifsion

I have further to request of you to enquire into the charge made by Syfulla a Peon under the aumeen, of an afsault made upon him by a Person in sepoy Clothing said to belong to the Cootie at Bifsatteepara, you will please

to summons [*sic*] the Parties before you, and in the event of the Peons bringing Evidence to support the charge you will send the aggrefsor up to Dinagepore to take his Trial.-

Copy of the Letter received from the Aumeen and of the charge of Syfulla Chapprafsee I annex - and the enclosed Purwanna directs the officers of the Purgunna to obey your Orders-

I am

Sir,

Your very Obed[t] humble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 31[st] August 1788.

435] John Shore Esq[re]

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Annexed I transmit a comparative account of the Baazee Zemeen in Purgunna CABILPORE stating the difference between the account delivered in by the Zemindar forwarded to the Board the 11[th] Feby last. and of the quantity ascertained by the Sezawal as being in actual pofsession of the Zemindar. ——

The Naib at the Time of giving in the Accounts delivered with Them the usual Mochulka declaring that if upon any subsequent Investigation more should appear to be in pofsession of the Zemindar than the quantity of Land stated in the Accounts then given in he would be deserving of punishment. ——

In consequence of this discovery I have forwarded enclosed a correct Account to be deposited with the Baazee Zemeen Accounts of this District, and directed the Sezawal to keep a distinct and separate account of the Collection made from the Lands now brought to light until the pleasure of the Board shall be made known ——

I am gentlemen

Your very obed[t] hble s[t]

Dinagepore the 1st September 1788

No.436] To

J,, E. Harington Esq[r]

Accomptant to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

The Balance of the Treasury Account on the 31st of August Amounting to Sa Rs 29,784-15,,9-2- is detained for the Payment of the Troops at Taujepore & to comply with the Demand from the Commercial Resident at Rungpore. —

I am Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Dinagepore the 1st Sepr 1788.

No.437] To

Edward Fenwick Esq[r]

Military Paymaster General.-

Sir

I have this day discharged a Draft No 26. dated 21st August drawn upon you by Mr W. Farquharson in favor of Major Charles Maitland Commanding the 10th Battalion of Sepoys for Crs 12,798-9-3-

I am

Sir

&ca

DINAGEPORE the 2^d September 1788

438] To

JOHN SHORE ESQ^R

President &c^a Members of the Board of Revenue -

GENTLEMEN,

I have just received the Intelligence of the Death of Buddie ulzman, and Atta Hufsein the Chowdry of the eight anna Division of Purgunna Silberris written in the name of Rezzieuldien - - the latter died on the 10^th of Bhadun, and Buddieulzman on the 14^th of the same Month : Sied Golaum Sultan the Security of Buddie ul'Zman as Farmer of Turruff Behar. and Purgunna Burbucpore 14 annas, will, I have no doubt, punctually fullfil the Engagements entered into with Government by Buddie uz'man ——

The charge of the Share of Purgunna Silberris written in the name of Sied Rezzieudien was confided to the care of Buddieu'Zman. - Atta Hufsein never having been capable of transacting the Businefs of the Zemindarry owing to a natural defect of Intellects, and his Son quite a youth - and BuddieulZman, and Rezzieudien were Sister's Children the same necefsity tho' from a different cause still existing for the management being continued under the direction of some Intelligent Person who shall administer the Revenues, and provide for the maintenance of the Widow and Family of Rezzieu'dien I propose tendering the Management under the same Restrictions and obligations it was held by BuddieuZ'man to Comerodien the Brother of Rezzieu'dien and Talookdar of Turruff Doobra, if upon his arrival with me he shall appear properly qualified for the undertaking

I am

Gentlemen &c^a

DINAGEPORE the 4^th September 1788

439] To

RICHARD BECHER ESQ^R

Resident

Rungpore -

SIR,

I have examined Jurroo and Mungloo, as to what they know of the Murder of Chundernarrain Deloll- and in the course of the Examination, I find that instead of giving instant information of the Fact, to the officers of the Purgunna, who alone could have made a search after the Perpetrators- that Jarroo and Mungloo, proceeded directly to a Gootee in Pyrabund from

thence to Rungpore, and afterwards the Intelligence is given to me - whereas had the Parties at the Time when the murder was committed applied to the Officers in the Purgunna of Battasun near to the Spot where the Act was perpetrated, immediate Steps would have been taken to apprehend the Gang and owing to this delay I despair of my researches after the Offenders, being attended with Succefs—however I shall exert myself to the utmost in my Power to bring the parties concerned in the Murder, to Justice-

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient hble Serv[t]

Dinagepore the 5[th] Sep[r] 88.

[No. 440] To

John White Esq[r]

Remembrancer to the Criminal Courts.-

Sir

The enclosures, I forward, will shew the urgency for there being some regulations adopted for bringing the Dewan's Jagheer under the controal of the Criminal Jurisdiction ; untill this object shall be effected, I dispair of being able to preserve the Lives, and Property of the Inhabitants, living upon the Easterly boundary of this District on the Lands connected with, and contiguous to the Village composing the Jagheer.- upon this subject I wrote to you under date the 23[d] ult[o] and to which I refer you for further particulars.-

I am

Sir &c[a]

Dinagepore the 5th Sepr 1788.

441] To

RICHARD BECHER ESQR

Resident at

RUNGPORE

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 3d Inst

The amount of the order upon my Treasury has been tendered to your Sircar who has refused it -

I am

Sir

Your very Obedt humble Servt

Dinagepore the 6th Sepr 1788

442] To

D H Mc DOWALL ESQR

Magistrate at

RUNGPORE

Sir

I annex Copy of a representation this day received from the Sezawal of Cabilpore - and request you will be pleased to cause Sooma Mundull of Moza Chittra or, residing in some Village contiguous in Perg. Goragot nine anna Division to be apprehended, and sent to Dinagepore, for Trial, upon the charge of being a principal Decoit, of the Gang which of late infest the Country adjacent to Goragot

I am

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

It is necefsary to observe that the Tannadar together with the Burcundofses formerly sent into Goragot - I have been obliged to remove, finding they have not answerd the End for which they were deputed. —

Dinagepore Sept 10th 1788

.443] D H. Mc Dowall Esqr

Magistrate

Rungpore

Sir

Budhoo late Cutwaul of Moza Calloopara has been most barbarously murdered by a Gang of Decoits Inhabitants of Purgunna Lollbarry The enclosed Copy of the Letter conveying the Intelligence I fend as containing the particulars of the Murder and written to me by Looknaut Surma the Mocaboola Nevees in Purgunna Battasun.

The frequent Accounts received of the Gangs of Robbers taking shelter in the Zemindarry of the late rajah Gournauth, and the Fact being notorious, I should think you would be doing efsential service to the Country, by ifsuing a Proclamation grounded upon the 69th Article of the Revenue regulations and after a certain time granted to the Zemindar to apprehend, and make over the principal Decoits known to be residents in the Zemindarry. he fhall fail doing fo, or decline giving full, and explanatory reafons of the causes which have prevented him, the Article before recited to be carried into full execution ; It is my intention to pursue this practice in all similar cases within my own District, and I have written to the Government to cause the Dewans Jagheer to be placed under the Jurisdiction of the Magistrate whose Districts border upon it, in order that no Asylum may remain for the Disturbers, of the Peace, to fly to,

I am

Sir

Your very obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 13th September 1788.

No. 444] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer to the Criminal Courts -

Sir,

Accompanying I transmit you the Darogha's Report in Persian with Translates for the Month of Zilkaud 1202

1st Report or List of Prisoners confined under sentence to the end of Zilkaud -

2d Report or List of Prisoners on whom sentence has been paffed by the Darogha —

3rd Report or List of Prisoners tried and their Causes referred to the Naib Nazim for his sentence. -

4th Report or List of the Nazim's Futwahs in preceding Months upon former Reference -

5th Report or List of Prisoners under the Daroghas Charge to be tried. —

I am,

Sir,

&ca

DINAGEPORE the 18th Septr 1788

. 445] To

WILLIAM JACKSON ESQR

Register to the Supreme Court of Judicature

CALCUTTA

Sir,

In conformity to the Order of Government published in the Calcutta Gazette dated the 11th Instt I transmit List of the Names, description, and place of abode of the principal Native Officers employed in the Offices of Collector, Judge, and Magistrate of this District. -

I am

Sir &ca

Dinagepore the 19th September 1788

No. 446] To

D,, H,, Mc Dowall Esqr

Magistrate

Rungpore

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 17th Instant. -

Ajuderam Chatterjah has no Vakeel attending at Dinagepore, In consequence of your representation I shall exercise the authority recently vested in me by the Governor General in Council over the Dewans Jagheer and cause Aojuderam Chatterjah to be apprehended and made over to you -

I am,

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble servant

Dinagepore the 19th Septr 1788.

No. 447] To

John Shore Esqr

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the 5th Instant .-

I have notified to the Zemindar of Purgunna Chowgong the Board's directions, and in default of his Compliance, will send a Sezawal to make the Collections.-

The amount paid into the Treasury Account the Revenues of Purgunnah Chowgong for the last year was Sa Rs - - - - 12,669.. 13. 16

Aumilnama Fees - - - 37.. 6..

12,707.. 5. 16-

I return the Persian Paper forwarded in my Letter of the 25th August with Translates——

I am

Gentlemen

Your very obedt humble Servt

DINAGEPORE the 21st September 1788

448] To

JOHN WHITE ESQR

Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts

SIR

The Buildings of the Jail appertaining to the Criminal Court being much too confined, the Walls too low and the whole erected on a Spot which will not admit of any additions being made, I recommend a new Jail being built -

From there being only one Building at present fit to contain the Prisoners, those sent for Trial and confined under Sentences are lodged together promiscuously, and as unhappily the number of Criminals has of late considerably increased - the making of new buildings without lofs of Time is absolutely requisite -

The Buildings proposed are to be tiled and the Estimate of the Charges to be incurred has been presented to Me by Imaum Coolie Cawn the Darogha which I have return [*sic*] to them countersigned.

I am.

SIR,

sent the 21st fept^r

Your most obedient

humble Servant.

Dinagepore the 23st [*sic*] fep^r 1788

449] To

D. H. M^c Dowall Esq^r

Magistrate at

Rungpore

Sir

The Aumeen deputed into the Purgh of Battasun, to act in concert with the Person sent by you for the investigating into and reporting upon the desturbances which happened between the Riauts Inhabitants residing on the borders of Purgunnah Battasun and Lollbarry, has returned and in consequence of the application from Raiffick &ca the Riauts of Purgunna Buttasun, Parties concerned I have delivered to Them copy of the Rodaat.

I am Sir

Your very obedt hble f^t

BENGAL DISTRICT RECORDS

DINAJPUR VOL. I 1786-1789

Containing a list of the letters received and issued, arranged in chronological order

BENGAL DISTRICT RECORDS

DINAJPUR VOL. I 1786-89

NOTE—Except No. 50 addressed to J. Champion, Collector of Silberis and Nos. 71-72 and 322-23 to William Hunter, Acting Collector of Dinajpur, all are addressed to George Hatch, Collector of Dinajpur.

Letters Received

No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer	
			Name	Designation
1	2 May 1786	Khalsah	Wm. Cowper	
2	4 May	Revenue Committee, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper John Mackenzie	President and Members of the Committee of Revenue Fort William
3	18 May	Revenue Department, Fort William	B. Aplin	Secretary
4	7 June	[Board of Revenue] Calcutta	Hy. Scott	[Secy Board of Revenue]
Enclo. no. 1 to no. 4.	29 May	Salt Office	Copy of a letter from Henry Vansittart, Comptroller [of salt] to William Cowper, President and other Members of the Committee of Revenue.	
Enclo. no. 2 to no. 4	29 May	Calcutta	Copy of a letter from Michael Andrew, [a Greek merchant], to Henry Vansittart, Comptroller of Salt.	
5	12 June	Revenue Board, Calcutta	John Stables and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
Enclo. to 5		Establishment for the Dinagepore Collectorship		
6	16 June	Revenue Board, Calcutta	B. Aplin	
7	17 July	Khalsa	John Duncan	Preparer of Reports, Revenue Department
8	19 July	Malda	Geo. Udny	Acting Resident
9	30 July	Moorshedabad	Matw. Dawson	[Collector]
10	12 Aug.	Ditto	Ditto	
11	13 Aug.	Govind Gunge	Rd. Goodlad	

Letters Received—*contd.*

No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer	
			Name	Designation
12	15 Aug. 1786	Calcutta	J. H. Harington	[Assistant to the Registrar of the Sudder Diwani Adalut]
		(Perhaps addressed to the Collector of Silberis)		
13	21 Sep.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	John Stables and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
14	21 Sep.	Ditto	Ditto	
15	28 Sep.	Malda	Charles Grant	Resident
16	28 Sep.	Ditto	Ditto	
17	6 Oct.	Ditto	Ditto	
18	13 Oct.	Ditto	Ditto	
19	20 -	Ditto	Ditto	
Enclos to No 19	12 *Assin*	Zubunbundi of Heeraman, weaver of Baliour Pergunnah Kelbak		
Ditto	12 *Assin*	Zubanbundy of Tagore Sing, Peon		
Ditto	12 *Assin*	Zubunbundy of Bishumber, weaver of Hannoomaroo, Pergunnah Sujanagger		
Ditto	10 *Assin*	Copy of a letter to Radapersand Kebraje and Gopee Tagore from the Gomastah of Juggunnautpore		
Ditto		The Ekzaanmeh of Radpuraad Sim Daroga, given the 13th *Assin* at Juggunautpore		
20	28 Oct.	Silberis	J. Elliot	Acting Collector
		(Circular to Richard Goodlad, Esq., Day Hart Macdowal, Esq., George Hatch, Esq., and Major Dunn)		
21	29 Oct.	Silberis	J. Elliot	
22	6 Nov.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	William Cowper and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
23	6 Nov	Silberis	J. Elliot	
24	6 Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	
25	11 Nov.	Malda	Chas. Grant	
26	13 Nov.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm Cowper J. Evelyn	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer	
			Name	Designation
Enclo. to no. 26		(Translation of a petition of Meha Razah Kaddah (Kedar) Nauth, Zemindar of Pergunnah Havelly Pinzerah)		
27	17 Nov. 1786	nil	H. U. D'Estene	
28	20 Nov.	Malda	Chas. Grant	Resident
29	20 Nov.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
Enclo. to no. 29	24 Nov. 1783	Extract from the Proceedings of the Committee of Revenue, circular letter to the Chiefs and Collectors		
30	25 Nov. 1786	Bhagulpore	P. Davis	Resident
31	6 Dec.	Silberis	J. Elliot	Acting Collector
32	5 Dec.	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	W. Bruere	Secretary
33	7 Dec.	Malda	Chas. Grant	
34	11 Dec.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
35	11 Dec.	Ditto	Ditto	
36	14 Dec.	Ditto	Ditto	
37	24 Dec.	Silberris	J. Champion	[Collector]
38	29 Dec.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
Enclo. no. 1 to no. 38	Translation of a petition of Maheh Rajah Radahubane, Zemindar of Havaily Pinjireh			
Enclo. no. 2 to no. 38	Proposal of the Zemindar of Dinagepore			
[No number 39]				
40	10 Jan. 1787	Malda	George Udny	Acting Resident
41	2 Feb.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	Collector
nil	9 Feb.	Malda	George Udny	

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43	9 Feb. 1787	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta.
44	13 Feb.	Ditto	Ditto	
45	16 Feb.	Ditto	Ditto	
46	21 Feb.	Malda	George Udny	Acting Resident.
47	23 Feb.	Purnea	R. Collins	
48	1 Mar.	Malda	nil	nil
49	3 Mar.	Ditto	George Udny	Resident
50	6 Mar.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thomas Graham John Mackenzie	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
		(Addressed to J. Champion, Collector of Silberris)		
Enclo. to no. 50	2 Mar.	Calcutta	Copy of a letter from Fras. Gladwin to Wm. Cowper	
51	9 Mar.	Malda	George Udny	
52	15 Mar.	Ditto	Ditto	
[No number 53]				
54	20 Mar.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
55	27 Mar.	Ditto	Ditto	
56	27 Mar.	Ditto	Ditto	
57	19 Apr.	Ditto	J. Shore and others	
Enclo. to no. 57		Abstract of Jamma of new Zillah Dinagepore		
58	18 Apr.	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	John Duncan	Assistant Secretary
59	24 Apr.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
60	24 Apr.	Ditto	Ditto	
Enclo. to no. 60		Proposed Establishment for 1787-88 or Bengal year 1194 for Dinagepore, etc.		

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			Name	Designation
61	30 Apr. 1787	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	John Duncan	Assistant Secretary
62	30 Apr.	Malda	Goorge Udny	Resident
63	3 May	Silberris	H. [J. ?] Champion	[Collector]
64	3 May	Ditto	J. Champion	
Enclo. to no. 64	About May 1787	Jummah Wassil, Bakee of the annexations from Zillah Silberris to Dinagepore		
65	3 May	Moorshedabad	Mw. Dawson	Collector
66	4 May	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
67	8 May	Silberris	A. Brenan	Lieutenant Commanding a Detachment from the 29th Battalion Sepoys, 6th Regiment
68	10 May	Moorshedabad	Mw. Dawson	
Enclo. to no. 68	10 May	Ditto	Ditto	
	Jummah, Waussil Buckey of those Mahals which are transferred from the Chiefship of Moorshedabad to the Collectorship of Dinagepore			
69	11 May	Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
70	18 May	Ditto	Ditto	
71	9 June	Dinagepore	Major J. Dunn	[Officer commanding at Dinajpur]
	Addressed to Mr Hunter			
72	15 June	Ditto	Ditto	
	Addressed to Mr Hunter			
73	19 June	Calcutta	——	Revenue Board, Calcutta
74	27 June	Ditto	C. Cockerell	Post Master General
Enclo. to no 74	22 June	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	Copy of a letter from John Duncan to Charles Cockerell, Post Master General.	
75	20 July	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
76	27 July	Calcutta	C. Cockerell	

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77	31 July 1787	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue Calcutta
78	31 July	Ditto	Ditto	
79	31 July	Ditto	Ditto	
Enclo. to no. 79	Extract of a letter from the Governor-General in Council, dated the 27th July, and recorded in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the 31st of the same month			
80	3 Aug.	Purnea	J. Heatly	
[No Number 81]				
82	3 Aug.	Couriagong	Wm. Dow	[Cloth merchant]
83	13 Aug.	Moorshidabad	Mw. Dawson	Collector
84	13 Aug.	Calcutta	C. Cockerell	Post Master General
85	15 Aug.	Purnea	[J.] Heatly	
86	16 Aug.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper Thomas Graham	
87	17 Aug.	Rangpore	Robert Guling [Girling ?]	Resident
88	21 Aug.	Apole	James Christie	Ditto
89	24 Aug.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
90	24 Aug.	Ditto	Ditto	
91	24 Aug.	Ditto	Ditto	
92	27 Aug.	Rangpore	Robt. Gurling [Girling ?]	
93	28 Aug.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Wm. Cowper and others	
94	3 Sep.	Malda	George Udny	Resident
95	7 Sep.	Ditto	Ditto	
96	7 Sep.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thomas Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
97	9 Sep.	Moorshedabad	M. Dawson	
98	12 Sep.	Dinagepore	George Purling	[Second Assistant to the Collector of Dinagepore]

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99	13 Sep. 1787	Apole	James Ch[r]istie	Resident
100	18 Sep.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
Enclo to no. 100	12 Sep.	Translation of a letter from Jankeram Sing		
101	18 Sep.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
102	21 Sep.	Ditto	Ditto	
103	22 Sep.	Apole	James Ch[r]istie	
104	27 Sep.	Purnea	J. W. Douglas	[Opium Farmer]
105	4 Oct.	Rungpore	Robt. Girling	Resident
106	9 Oct.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
107	15 Oct.	Zaffershahy	John Eliot	Commissioner to enquire into the complaints of the Chaudhuries of Alapsing
108	19 Oct.	Ditto	Ditto	
109	23 Oct.	Purnea	J. S. Heatly	
110	23 Oct.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	J. Shore and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
111	30 Oct.	Ditto	Ditto	
112	6 Nov.	Ditto	Thos. Graham and others	
113	11 Nov.	Rangpore	Robt. Girling	[Cloth merchant]
114	13 Nov.	nil	C. Cockerell	Post Master General
115	13 Nov.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thomas Graham and others	
116	4 Dec.	Alaupsing	John Eliot	
117	7 Dec.	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	E Hay	Secretary

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Enclo.	7 Dec.	Extract of a letter from the Secy to the Govt, to the Collector of Dinagepore		
118	20 Dec. 1787	Rungpore	Robert Girling	[Cloth merchant]
Enclo. to no. 118	Petition of Jaunoolah, the Grandson of Allabux, Talookdar of Kismut Dassilpore, to the Governor-General			
119	20 Nov.	Board of Revenue, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board
120	27 Dec.	Rungpore	Robbt. Girling	Resident
121	28 Dec.	Board of Revenue, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
Enclo. to no 121	Regarding a robbery at Juggernautpore Factory			
122	29 Dec.	Natore	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajeshye
123	11 Jan. 1788	Revenue Board	Thomas Graham and others	
124	14 Jan.	Factory, Saumgange	J. H. Dingley	[Acting for Mr Udny Resident at Malda]
125	16 Jan.	Calcutta	James Christie	Resident at Apole
126	16 Jan.	Apole	Alexander Cruickshank	
127	Petition of Mohun Lole Dutt of Calcutta addressed to the Hon'ble Charles Stuart, Acting Governor of Fort William in Bengal with a prayer to refer the subject matter to the Collector of Dinagepore			
128	19 Jan.	Saumgunge	J. H. Dingley	
129	19 Jan.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
130	22 Jan.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
Enclo to no. 130	Extract of a letter from the Governor-General in Council, dated the 18th January 1788, and recorded in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 22nd of the same month			
131	23 Jan.	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	E. Hay	Secretary
132	29 Jan.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	

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133	2 Feb. 1788	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
134	4 Feb.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
135	6 Feb.	Malda	G. Udny	
136	7 Feb.	Ditto	Ditto	
137	12 Feb.	Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
138	16 Feb.	Malda	G. Udny	
139	18 Feb.	Ditto	Ditto	
140	19 Feb.	Revenue Board	Thomas Graham and others	
141	22 Feb.	Apole	James Christie	Resident
142	7 Mar.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thomas Graham John Evelyn	
143	10 Mar.	Malda	G. Udny	
[No number 144]				
145	11 Mar. 1789 [1788 ?]	Pay Office Fort William	Copy of a letter from E. Fenwick, Military Pay Master General to John Shore, President and Members of the Board of Revenue in connection with Mr G. Hatch's attendance at the office of the writer to adjust certain accounts	
146	20 Mar. 1788	Malda	G. Udny	
147	25 Mar.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thomas Graham and others	
148	31 Mar.	Dinagepore	Wm. Hunter	[Assistant to the Collector of Dinagepore]
149	11 Apr.	Khalsa	G. C. Meyer	Assistant Preparer of Reports, Revenue Department
150	17 Apr.	Malda	G. Udny	
151	25 Apr.	Revenue Board	Thomas Graham and others	
152	29 Apr.	Ditto	Ditto	

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer: Name	Writer: Designation
Enclo. to no. 152	22 Apr.	Fort William	Copy of a letter from James Grant,, C[*hief*] S[*heristada*]r to John Shore, President etc. and Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort William	
153	7 May 1788	nil	Richard Becher	[Resident at Rangpur]
154	26 May	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thomas Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
Enclo. to no. 154	16 Apr.	Moorshedabad	Copy of a letter from M. W. Dawson, Collector to John Shore, President, and Members of the Board of Revenue	
155	27 May	Rungpore Factory	Richard Becher	
156	28 May	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	E. Hay	Secretary
157	28 May	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
158	31 May	Khalsa	G. C. Meyer	Assistant Preparer of Reports, Revenue Department
159	2 June	Saumgunge	F. H. Dingley	Acting for Mr Udny Resident at Malda
160	nil	nil	Copy of a letter without date to Earl Cornwallis, Governor-General in Council regarding a debt of the Zamindar of Dinagepore	
161	4 June	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	G. H. Barlow	Assistant Secretary
162	6 June	Bauleah	G. S. Collinson	
163	11 June	Dacca	John Eliot	Commissioner for settling certain disputes between the Zamindars of Alapsing and Silberis.
164	23 June	Morad Baug	P. Speke	Nizamat Buxi
165	23 June	Malda	G. Udny	
166	24 June	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
Enclo. to no. 166	18 June	Revenue Department, Fort William	Copy of a letter from the Governor-General in Council in Revenue Dept to John Shore President and Members of the Board of Revenue.	

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167	24 June 1788	Rev. Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
168	2 July	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	Collector
Enclo. to no. 168	24 June	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Copy of a letter from the Revenue Board, Calcutta to Mr. D. H. Mc Dowall, Collector of Rungpore	
169	2 July	Council Chamber, Revenue Department	G. H. Barlow	Assistant Secretary
Enclo. to no. 169	nil	nil	Copy of the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council on the suit instituted by Gopeenaut Doss against the Rajah of Dinagepore	
170	Wednesday evening	nil	D. H. Mc Dowall	
[No numbers 171-9]				
180	7 July 1782 [1788?]	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
181	8 July 1788	Apole	James Christie	Resident
182	8 July	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
Enclo. to no. 182	Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council, dated the 2nd July 1788, and recorded on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 8th of the same month			
183	13 July	Taugepore	Chas. Maitland	Officer Commanding at Taugepore
Enclo. to no. 183	Extract from the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council in the Secret and Military Department, dated the 7th July 1788			
184	14 July	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
185	18 July	nil	P. S[peke]	Magistrate, Rajshahi
186	20 July	Nishaut Bang	Thos. Burges	
187	25 July 1787 [1788?]	Moorshedabad	Mw. Dawson	Collector
188	28 July 1788	Malda	G. Udny	
nil	Extract of a letter from the Secretary to the Government to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated the 1st August 1788			

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer	
			Name	Designation
189	3 Aug. 1788	nil	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur
190	5 Aug.	Rungpore	R. Collins	
191	5 Aug.	Revenue Board	Thos Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board
192	6 Aug.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
[No	number 193]			
194	8 Aug.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham John Mackenzie	
195	10 Aug.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	
196	13 Aug.	Coltal in Silberris	John Eliot	Commissioner for settling certain disputes between the Zamindars of Alapsing and Silberis
197	13 Aug.	Ditto	Ditto	
198	16 Aug.	nil	R. B[echer]	Resident at Rangpur
199	19 Aug.	nil	Richard Becher	
200	20 Aug.	Saumgunge	F. H. Dingley	Acting for the Resident at Malda at Saumgunge
201	28 Aug.	nil	Richard Becher	
202	29 Aug.	Calcutta	R. MacFarlane	Clerk of the Market
203	31 Aug. 1780 [1788 ?]	nil	Richd. Becher	
204	Wednesday Sep. 1788	nil	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur
205	6 Sep.	Apole	James Christie	Resident
206	6 Sep.	nil	Richd. Becher	
207	5 Sep.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
208	8 Sep.	nil	Rd. Becher	
209		nil	Ditto	
210	12 Sep.	nil	D. H. McDowall	

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue.	Writer	
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211	12 Sep. 1788	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
212	16 Sep.	Ditto	Ditto	
Enclo. to no. 212	Extract of a letter from the Governor General in Council, dated the 11th September 1788, and recorded on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 16th of the same month			
214	Tuesday 23 Sep.	nil	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur
216	26 Sep	Calcutta	Wm. Jackson	Regt [Registrar ?] of Natives, etc.
221	5 Oct.	nil	D. H. McDowall	
222	5 Oct.	nil	Richd. Becher	Resident at Rangpur
223	6 Oct.	Calcutta	G. Wroughton	Attorney for the Hon'ble Company
Enclo. to no. 223	13 Oct. 1718 [1788 ?]	Affidavit of Ramcaunt Roy, Diwan of the Raja of Dinajpur		
226	10 Oct. 1788	Apole	James Christie	Resident
228	11 Oct.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
232	15 Oct.	Bindole	Chas. Maitland	[Officer Commanding——]
233	16 Oct.	nil	D. Hart McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur
234	17 Oct.	Rungpore	Ditto	
235	17 Oct.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham and others	
236	18 Oct.	Malda	G. Udny	
241	26 Oct.	Zillah Moorshedabad	John Fendal	Acting Collector
243	28 Oct.	Camp near Taujepore	Chas. Maitland	[Officer Commanding at Taujepur]
244	30 Oct.	nil	R. Becher	Resident at Rangpur
246	10 Nov.	Purnea	Chas. Maitland	
248	14 Nov.	nil	Richard Becher	
252	17 Nov.	Natore	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajshahi
263	25 Nov.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham John Mackenzie	

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue.	Writer	
			Name	Designation
265	27 Nov. 1788	Chaundgunge in Zuffershahy	John Eliot	Commissioner for settling certain disputes between the zamindars of Alapsing and Silberis.
266	30 Nov.	Taujepore	Emd Lambert	[Officer Commanding]
270	4 Dec.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham John Mackenzie	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta
274	6 Dec.	nil	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate, Rungpore
275	7 Dec.	Boglepore	R. Saunders	
276	7 Dec.	nil	D. H. McDowall	
283	11 Dec.	Apole	James Christie	Resident
285	12 Dec.	nil	D. H. McDowall	
286	16 Dec.	nil	Richd. Becher	Resident at Rangpur
287	17 Dec.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
289	19 Dec.	nil	D. H. McDowall	
290	19 Dec.	Calcutta	Thos. Graham John Mackenzie	
291	20 Dec.	nil	G. H. Barlow	[Sub-Secretary]
292	22 Dec.	nil	Richd. Becher	
293	nil	nil	D. H. McDowall	
297	2 Jan. 1789	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham, John Mackenzie	
298	2 Jan.	Ditto	Ditto	
299	2 Jan.	Malda	Harry Darell	Acting President
302	7 Jan.	Cantamarry	W. Hunter	[Assistant to the Collector of Dinajpur]
305	8 Jan.	Ditto	Ditto	
306	9 Jan.	Moydapore	John Fendall	[Acting Collector of Moorshedabad]

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer: Name	Writer: Designation
307	13 Jan. 1789	Revenue Board, Calcutta	Thos. Graham John Mackenzie	President and Members of the Revenue Board, Calcutta.
Enclo to no. 307	1 Dec. 1788	Revenue Dept.	Copy of a letter from the Governor-General in Council to John Shore, President, and Members of the Board of Revenue	
Enclo. to no. 307	Abstract of the amount of sale of the lands specified in the preceding account (embodied in the above letter)			
310	3 Jan. 1789	Revenue Board	J. H. Harington	Secretary
Enclo. to no. 310	23 Jan.	[Revenue Dept] Council Chamber	Copy of a letter from G. H. Barlow, Sub-Secy [to the Governor-General in Council in the Revenue Dept], to J. H. Harington, Secy to the Board of Revenue.	
Enclo. to no. 310	5 Jan.	Council Chamber	Copy of a letter from G. H. Barlow, Sub-Secy [to the Governor General in Council in the Revenue Dep.], to S L. Meyer, Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department.	
312	28 Jan.	Council Chamber, Pub. Department	E. Hay	[Secretary]
314	30 Jan.	Revenue Board, Calcutta	John Fendall	Assistant Secretary
Enclo. to no. 314	Translation of the Engagement entered into by Dhirjnarain Suman.			
316	4 Feb.	Alipore	S. Turner	[Tibetan traveller]
317	6 Feb.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	Collector
322	20 Feb.	Ditto	Ditto	
		[Addressed to William Hunter, Acting Collector, Dinagepore]		
323	26 Feb.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	
		[Addressed to William Hunter, Acting Collector, Dinagepore]		
Enclo. to no. 323	Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 17th February 1789			
324	27 Feb.	nil	Richard Becher	Resident at Rangpur
325	6 Mar.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer	
			Name	Designation
334	7 Apr. 1789	Fort William	John Cotton	Deputy Secretary to the Board of Trade
336	14 Apr.	Matteeran	John Eliot	Commissioner for settling disputes between the zamindars of Silberis and Alapsing
337	14 Apr.	Ditto	Ditto	
338	21 Apr.	nil	Richard Becher	Resident at Rangpur
344	29 Apr.	Council Chamber, Revenue Dept	G. H. Barlow	Assistant Secretary
345	29 Apr.	Berhampooter, off Singjanny	J. Eliot	
346	11 May	Tangepore	[Capt] Edmd. Lambert	Officer Commanding—
355	26 May	nil	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur
356	26 May	nil	Rich. Becher	
357	28 May	nil	Ditto	
358	28 May	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
359	31 May	nil	Richard Becher	
360	nil "Probably end of May 1789"	nil	D. H. McDowall	
363	10 June	Factory Buddaul	F. H. Dingley	Acting on behalf of the Resident at Malda
367	15 June	nil	Rich. Becher	
371	19 June	Revenue Dept Council Chamber	G. H. Barlow	Secretary
373	23 June 1788	Calcutta	Copy of a letter from Geo. Wroughton Attorney for the Company to—	
374	24 June 1789	nil	Richd. Becher	
379	29 June	nil	Ditto	
380	29 June	Revenue Dept Council Chamber	E. Hay	Secretary
381	30 June	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	Collector

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Enclo. to no. 381	19 June	Revenue Dept Council Chamber	Copy of a letter from G. H. Barlow, Sub-Secretary to D. H. McDowall, Collector of Rungpore	
382	1 July 1789	nil	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur
383	— July	nil	J. Heatly	
385	4 July	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
396	5 Aug.	Moydapore	John Fendall	[Acting Collector of Murshidabad]
403	12 Aug.	nil	Richard Becher	Resident at Rangpur
404	14 Aug.	nil	Ditto	
405	14 Aug.	Calcutta	J. H. Harington	[Secretary to the Board of Revenue]
406	17 Aug.	nil	Richard Becher	
407	19 Aug.	Revenue Dept Council Chamber	G. H. Barlow	Secretary
408	21 Aug.	nil	Richard Becher	
409	30 Aug.	nil	Ditto	
410	Not dated Probably 1 Sep.	nil	Wm H [unter]	[Assistant to the Collector of Dinajpur]
411	2 Sep.	nil	Richard Becher	
416	7 Sep.	nil	Ditto	
418	15 Sep.	Calcutta	Copy of a Petition of Vazeer Mull, the Vakeel of Jugget Seet to the Earl Cornwallis, Governor-General, etc.	
419	16 Sep.	Berhampore	Copy of a letter from Thomas Lyon [Superintendent of works] to G. H. Barlow, Sub-Secy to Govt., Fort William.	
420	21 Sep.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	
421	23 Sep.	Revenue Department Council Chamber	G. H. Barlow	Sub-Secretary
Enclo. to no. 421	Extract of probable expenses for the work necessary to restore the River Teestah to its former Channel, enclosed in a letter from Mr Thomas Lyon			

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			Name	Designation
422	29 Sep. 1789	Berhampore	Thos. Lyon	Superintendent of the works
425	30 Sep.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
426	1 Oct.	Tauzepore	[Capt] Edmd. Lambert	[Officer commanding at Tauzepur]
428	2 Oct.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	Collector
429	3 Oct.	nil	Ditto	
434	No date, probably 7 Oct. 1789	nil	[Capt] Edmund J. Lambert	
436	10 Oct.	Rungpore	D. H. McDowall	
437	10 Oct.	Taugepore	[Capt] E. Lambert	
438	October	nil	D. H. McDowall	
437 [Wrongly numbered 437]	12 Oct.	Berhampore	Copy of a letter from Thos. Lyon, Superintendent of the works, to D. H. McDowall, Collector of Rangpore.	
438 [Wrongly numbered 438]	18 Oct.	Taugepore	[Capt] Edmd. Lambert	
440	15 Oct.	nil	D. H. McDowall	
441	17 Oct.	nil	Ditto	
442	19 Oct.	Rungpore	Ditto	
443	20 Oct.	Taujepore	[Capt] E. Lambert	
444	22 Oct.	nil	D. H. McDowall	
445	24 Oct.	Rungpore	Richd. Becher	Resident
446	25 Oct.	nil	Ditto	
448	26 Oct.	nil	Ditto	
452	1 o'clock, Sunday	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	Assistant to the Collector of Dinagepore
453	1 Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	

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No	Date	Office or Place of issue	Writer: Name	Writer: Designation
454	3 Nov. 1789	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	Assistant to the Collector of Dinagepore
[For enclosure *see* after 456]				
[No number 455]				
456	3 Nov.	Rangpore	R. Collins	
	[Addressee's name not stated]			
Enclo. to no. 454	Estimate of Treasure required for the payment of the Bildars, collies, etc. employed on the works to restore the River Teestah to its former channel, for the month of November 1789			
457	4 Nov. 1789	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	
459	12 o'clock Monday 9 Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	
460	19 Nov.	Rungpore	R. Collins	
	(Addressee's name not stated)			
461	10 Nov.	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	
	[Addressee's name not stated]			
Enclo. to no. 461	Mr Oldfield's proposed establishment			
462	10 Nov.	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	
463	11 Nov.	Nabobgunge	[Capt] E. Lambert	[Officer commanding at Taugepore]
464	11 Nov.	nil	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur
465	13 Nov.	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	
466	15 Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	
467	16 Nov.	Ditto	Ditto	
468	17 Nov.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
471	21 Nov.	Taugepore	[Capt.] Tho. Cust	[Officer commanding at Taujepur]

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472	Saturday 2 o'clock 1 Nov. 1789	nil	Wm. Hunter	Assistant to the Collector of Dinajpur
473	22 Nov.	Nabobgunge	William Gruere	
475	23 Nov.	Taugepur	[Capt.] Thos. Cust	[Officer Commanding at Taugepore]
477	25 Nov.	Mugh. Eallee	W. Hunter	
478	29 Nov.	Rungpore	J. H. Harington	[Secretary to the Board of Revenue on deputation as a Commissioner at Seroopoor]
479	Sunday 29 Nov.	nil	Wm. Hunter	
480	30 Nov.	Camp at Jelluwar	Lient. Wilson Lally	Commanding a Detachment from the 17th Battalion of Native Infantry
481	30 Nov.	Goamalty	Henry Creighton	[Indigo Planter]
486	4 Dec.	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	
487	4 Dec.	Taugepore	[Capt] Thos. Cust	
		(Adressee's name not mentioned)		
490	6 Dec.	Cantamarry	Wm. Hunter	
492	11 Dec.	Malda	G. Udny	Resident
494	12 Dec.	Shamgunge	J. H. Harington	
[Wrongly numbered 494]				
497	17 Dec.	Malda	G. Udny	
498	17 Dec.	Cantamarry	William Hunter	
nil	23 Dec.	Malda	Harry V. Darell	Acting Resident
nil	23 Dec.	Revenue Dept, Council Chamber	G. H. Barlow	Sub-Secretary
503	28 Dec.	Rungpore	R. Collins	
504	28 Dec.	Revenue Department, Council Chamber	G. H. Barlow	

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NOTE — All the letters in the list were issued by G. Hatch, Collector of Dinagepore except letter No 432 which was issued by George Hatch and D. H McDowall jointly.

No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
		Name	Designation	
213	23 Sep. 1788	John Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	
215	26 Sep.	Ditto		
217	30 Sep.	John Fendall	Acting Collector of Moorshedabad	
218	22 Oct.	John Shore and others		
219	3 Oct.	George Charles Mayer	Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department	
220	6 Oct.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
224	7 Oct.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate, Rungpore	
225	8 Oct.	John Shore and others		
227	11 Oct.	Lieut. James Parlby		
229	13 Oct.	Edward Hay	Secretary to the Government [Revenue Department]	
230	13 Oct.	John Shore and others		
231	15 Oct.	Ditto		
237	19 Oct.	D. H. McDowall		
238	20 Oct.	John Fendall	Acting Magistrate, Moorshedabad	
239	23 Oct.	John Shore and others		
240	24 Oct.	Abraham Caldecott	Civil Auditor	
242	28 Oct.	George Charles Meyer		
245	4 Nov.	John Fendall		
247	11 Nov.	Peter Speke	Magistrate, Rajshai	

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No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
		Name	Designation	
249	15 Nov. 1788	John Fendall	Acting Magistrate, Murshidabad	
250	15 Nov.	Ditto		
251	17 Nov.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate, Rungpore	
253	18 Nov.	Ditto		
254	19 Nov.	George Charles Meyer	Acting Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Department	
255	20 Nov.	Thomas Graham	Acting President of the Khalsa	
256	20 Nov.	D. H. McDowall		
257	20 Nov.	George Charles Meyer		
258	20 Nov.	Ditto		
259	21 Nov.	D. H. McDowall		
260	21 Nov.	Peter Speke	Magistrate, Rajshahi	
261	21 Nov.	Francis Redfearn	Collector, Kishenagur	
262	26 Nov.	John Fendall	Acting Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut, Moorshedabad	
264	26 Nov.	Peter Speke		
267	2 Dec.	D. H. McDowall		
268	3 Dec.	Ditto		
269	3 Dec.	John Fendall		
271	5 Dec.	D. H. McDowall		
272	5 Dec.	J. Eliot	Commissioner for the settlement of disputes between the zamindars of Alapsing and Silberis	
273	6 Dec.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
277	8 Dec.	John Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	

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No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
		Name	Designation	
278	9 Dec. 1788	John White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	
279	2 Dec.	John Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	
280	10 Dec.	Ditto		
281	16 Dec.	John Eliot	Commissioner for settling the disputes between the Zamindars of Alapsing and Silberis	
282	11 Dec.	George Charles Meyer	Acting Preparer of Reports, Revenue Department	
284	12 Dec.	John Shore and others		
288	19 Dec.	George F. Cherry	Deputy Persian Translator	
294	27 Dec.	George Hilary Barlow	[Sub-Secretary]	
295	29 Dec.	Capt. Edmund Lambert	Commanding at Taugepore	
296	31 Dec.	Suetonius Grant Heatly	Collector, Purnea	
300	3 Jan. 1789	Thomas Lyon	Superintendent of the Works	
301	5 Jan.	H. N. Darell	Acting Resident at Malda	
303	8 Jan.	John Eliot		
304	8 Jan.	John Shore and others		
308	19 Jan.	Ditto		
309	21 Jan.	George Charles Meyer		
311	24 Jan.	G. T. Cherry	Deputy Persian Translator	
313	29 Jan.	John Fendall	Acting Collector of Muxadabad	
315	4 Feb.	Ditto		
318	14 Feb.	G. C. Meyer		
319	16 Feb.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	

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		Name	Designation	
320	16 Feb. 1789	G. C. Meyer	Acting Preparer of Reports, Revenue Dept.	
321 -	16 Feb.	John Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	
326	10 Mar.	John White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Written from Calcutta
327	18 Mar.	John Shore	[President of the Bd of Rev]	Ditto
328	18 Mar.	G. C. Meyer		Ditto
329	24 Mar.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate, Rungpore	
330	25 Mar.	John White		
331	30 Mar.	John Shore and others		Written from Calcutta
332	6 Apr.	G. Udny	Resident at Malda	Ditto
333	7 Apr.	Charles Stuart and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	Ditto
335	8 Apr.	Burrish Crisp	Registrar to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut	Ditto
339	23 Apr.	John Shore and others		
340	23 Apr.	John Eliot	Commissioner for the settlement of disputes between the Zamindars of Alapsing and Silberis	
341	24 Apr.	Ditto		
342	24 Apr.	John Shore and others		
343	27 Apr.	G. C. Meyer		
347	17 May	John Shore and others		
348	8 May	G. C. Meyer		
349	12 May	John Shore and others		
350	16 May	Ditto		
351	18 May	Ditto		
352	18 May	Michael Atkinson	Acting Magistrate, Rajshahi	

No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
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353	25 May 1789	John Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	
354	26 May	Ditto		
361	5 June	Ditto		
362	9 June	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate, Rungpore	
364	11 June	John Fendall	Acting Collector of Moorshedabad	
365	12 June	G. C. Meyer	Acting Preparer of Reports, Revenue Dept.	
366	13 June	Lawrence Mercer	Collector of Burdwan	
368	17 June	John Shore and others		
369	19 June	John White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	
370	19 June	John Shore and others		
372	21 June	Ditto		
375	25 June	D. H. McDowall		
376	26 June	G. H. Barlow	Sub-Secretary [to Government, Fort William]	
377	26 June	John Shore and others		
378	27 June	Suetonius Grant Heatly	Magistrate of Purnea	
384	3 July	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rungpore	
386	6 July	Ditto	Magistrate, Rungpore	
[No numbers 387-8]				
389	9 July	John Shore and others		
390	9 July	G. Udny	Resident at Malda	
391	10 July	Peter Speke	Magistrate of Rajshahi	
392	11 July	John Shore and others		
393	16 July	Ditto		
394	22 July	Ditto		

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No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
		Name	Designation	
395	28 July 1789	John Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	
397	12 Aug.	Ditto		
398	8 Aug.	Ditto		
399	8 Aug.	Lawrence Mercer	Collector, Burdwan	
400	10 Aug.	Burrish Crisp	Registrar to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut	
401	12 Aug.	James Christie	Resident at Apole	
402	12 Aug.	John Shore and others		
412	4 Sep.	Ditto		
413	4 Sep.	Earl Cornwallis, etc	Governor-General in Council	
414	7 Sep.	G. H. Barlow	Sub-Secretary	
415	7 Sep.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
417	12 Sep.	John Shore and others		
423	30 Sep.	Ditto		
424	30 Sep.	George Udny		
427	Nil	Earl Cornwallis	Governer Generel etc.	
430	4 Oct.	Thomas Lyon	Superintendent of the works	
431	1 Oct.	George Purling	[Asst to the Collector of Dinajpur]	
432	7 Oct.	Earl Cornwallis		Written from Munglebarry, signed by G. Hatch and D. H. McDowall
[No number 433]				
435	9 Oct.	George Udny		
439	12 Oct.	J. Shore and others		
439	14 Oct.	Ditto		
[Wrongly numbered 439]				
447	26 Oct.	Richard Becher	Resident at Rungpore	

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		Name	Designation	
449	27 Oct. 1789	G Udny	Resident at Malda	
450	28 Oct.	William Hunter	[Assistant to the Collector of Dinajpur]	
451	29 Oct.	James Christie	Residing in the pergunnah of Apcle	
458	6 Nov.	John Edward Harington	Collector of Moorshedabad	
469	20 Nov.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate, Rungpore	
470	Ditto	James Christie		
474	23 Nov.	John Edward Harington		
476	25 Nov	George Udny		
482	1 Dec.	Ditto		
483	Ditto	Ditto		
484	3 Dec.	James Christie		
485	4 Dec.	George Udny		
488	5 Dec.	John White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	
489	6 Dec.	Henry Creighton at Goamalty	[Indigo Planter ?]	
491	11 Dec.	J. H. Harington	Commissioner at Sooroopoor	
493	11 Dec.	James Ross	Assistant Surgeon	
494	12 Dec.	James Christie		
495	14 Dec.	J. H. Harington		
496	16 Dec.	William Cowper	Acting President of the Khalsa	
499	18 Dec.	John Edward Harington		
500	19 Dec.	John Shore	President and Members of the Board of Revenue	
501	22 Dec.	George Udny		
502	28 Dec.	H. V. Darell	Acting Resident at Malda	

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List of Letters issued by the Collector of Dinajpur 1786-1788.

No.	Date.	To whom addressed.		Remarks.
		Name.	Designation.	
1	19 June 178[6].	John Stables & others.	President & Members of the Com. of Rev°.	° This should be Board of Revenue.
2	21 June [1786]	H. V Vansittart.	Controller of Salt.	
3	22 June 1786	John Stables & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
4	24 June	Ditto		
5	28 June	R. Percival Pott.	Custom Master at Murshidabad.	
6	3 July	John Stables & others.		
7	14 July	Charles Grant	Resident at Malda.	
8	16 July	John Stables & others.		
9	17 July	Peter Speke.	Collector of Rajshahi.	
10	18 July	Lt. Thomas Sibthorpe.	Commanding at Dinajpur.	
11	18 July	John Stables & others.		
12	19 July	Lt. Thomas Sibthorpe.		
13	20 July	John Stables & others.		
14	20 July	Ditto		
15	25 July	John Stables.	President of the *Khalsa*	
16	25 July	J. Duncan.	Preparer of the *Khalsa* Records (Reports?)	
17	26 July	Matthew Dawson.	Collector of Murshedabad.	
18	27 July	[J.] Ferramont.	——	
19	31 July	Matthew Dawson.		

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		Name.	Designation.	
20	1 Aug. 1786	John Stables & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
21	1 Aug.	Thomas Henchman.	Pay Master General.	
22	1 Aug.	J. Ferramont.	——	
23	2 Aug.	Lt. Thomas Sibthorpe.	Commanding at Dinajpur.	
24	2 Aug.	Lt Ainslie.	Commanding the detachment for Ghulabarry.	
25	3 Aug.	J. Champion.	Collector of Silberris.	
26	3 Aug.	John Stables & others.		
27	4 Aug.	J. Ferramont.	——	
28	4 Aug.	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	
29	6 Aug.	Lt. John Ainslie.		
30	6 Aug.	D. H. McDowall.	Collector of Rangpur.	
31	7 Aug.	Matthew Dawson.	Collector of Murshidabad.	
	8 Aug.	R. Goodlad.	Collector of Goragaut.	Forwarding a petition from Krishna Kanta Mazumdar, the *Khazna Dufter Sheristadar* of Dinajpur for proper redress of grivances contained therein.
	8 Aug.	J. Champion.		Enclosing a petition from the *Ryots* of Appole *Pargana* against Shear Mandal who has absconded and taken up his residence in the district of Silberris.
32	9 Aug.	J. Stables & others.		
33	11 Aug.	Lt. John Ainslie.	Commanding the detachment at Surhatta.	
34	11 Aug.	J. Stables & others.		
	11 Aug.	W. Larkins.		Enclosing the voucher mentioned in his letter of 4th. Aug. 1786.

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		Name.	Designation.	
35	15 Aug. 1786	Marmaduke Gray.	Registrar of the *Adalat* at Taujepur.	
36	15 Aug.	Ditto		
37	18 Aug.	Ditto		
38	19 Aug.	R. Goodlad.	Collector of Goraghat.	
39	29 Aug.	J. Stables & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
40	30 Aug.	J. Duncan.	Preparer of the Reports to the Revenue Dep.	
	30 Aug.	J. Stables & others.		Forwarding the *Towjee* account for the month of *Shravan* 1194B.S. [July-Aug. 1786.]
	31 Aug.	Matthew Dawson.	Collector of Murshedabad.	Enclosing two *Hundis* amounting to Sa. Rs. 1,56,606-15—.
41	7 Sep.	J. Stables & others.		
	7 Sep.	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Enclosing the Running Treasury Account of the district for August 1786.
42	8 Sep.	J. Champion.	Collector of Silberris.	
43	9 Sep.	Ditto.		
44	9 Sep.	J. Stables & others.		
45	9 Sep.	Matthew Dawson.		
	10 Sep.	J. H. Harrington.	Sub Secretary to the Board of Rev.	Enclosing a *Towjee* account in Persian for the month of *Shravan* 1190 B.S. (July-Aug. 1786).
	21 Sep.	J. Duncan.		Forwarding the *Kistbundee* account of the district in English and Persian.
46	22 Sep.	Charles Grant.	Resident at Malda.	
	23 Sep.	J. Stables & others.		Forwarding the *Kabuliat* and the *Kistbandee* account of the settlement of the district for the year 1786 attested by the *Naib Kanongoes*.

No.	Date.	To whom addressed.		Remarks.
		Name.	Designation.	
47	25 Sep. 1786	Lt. Thomas Sibthorpe.	Commanding at Dinajpur.	
48	25 Sep.	Lt. H. M. D'Esterre.	Commanding the detachment to *Pargana* Beejanagar.	
49	25 Sep.	Peter Spcke.	Collector of Rajshahi.	
50	25 Sep.	R. Goodlad.	Collector of Goraghat.	
51	26 Sep.	Lt. H. M. D'Esterre.	Commanding the detachment near Jagannathpur.	
52	26 Sep.	Charles Grant.	Resident at Malda.	
53	27 Sep.	Lt. H. M. D'Esterre.		
	28 Sep.	Peter Speke.		Forwarding a complaint of Abhoy Charan Sarma, farmer of Haat Dowla, for consideration.
54	30 Sep.	Thomas Graham.	Actg. Controller of grain.	
55	3 Oct.	Thomas Henchman.	Military Paymaster General.	
	4 Oct.	J. Stables & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting the *Towjee* account of the district for the month of *bhadra* 1193 B.S.
56	4 Oct.	Lt. John Ainslie.	Commanding the 29th Battalion of Sepoys.	
57	6 Oct.	J. Duncan.	Preparer of Reports to the Rev. Dep.	
	8 Oct.	J. Stables & others.		Enclosing the treasury account of the Dinajpur Collectorate in English & Persian for Sep. 1786.
	8 Oct.	Matthew Dawson.	Chief of Murshidabad.	Enclosing two *hundis* upon Radhakrishna & Ram Krishna Shaha of Murshidabad for Sa. Rs. 2,47,948,,11,,9.
58	10 Oct.	Charles Grant.		
59	12 Oct.	J. Stables & others.		
60	12 Oct.	Ditto.		

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		Name.	Designation.	
	13 Oct. 1786	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the Dinagepur Collectorate for Sep. 1786.
61	14 Oct.	J. Christie.	Residing at Appole.	
62	16 Oct.	J. Stables & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
63	17 Oct.	Charles Grant.	Resident at Malda.	
64	25 Oct.	J. Champion.	Collector of Silberris.	
65	26 Oct.	Charles Grant.		
66	30 Oct.	John Stables & others.		
67	31 Oct.	Charles Grant.		
68	31 Oct.	John Elliot.	Actg. Collector of Silberris.	
69	31 Oct.	Lt. Brenan.	——	
	1 Nov.	John Elliot.		Enclosing a letter from the *Chaudhury* of *Pargana* Appole for his guidance and intimating that a detachment has marched from Dinajpur to Buxygunj.
70	2 Nov.	Ditto.		
	3 Nov.	John Stables & others.		Enclosing the treasury account of Dinajpur district for Oct. 1786 in English and Persian.
71	3 Nov.	Ditto.		
72	4 Nov.	Charles Grant.		
73	6 Nov.	Ditto.		
	7 Nov.	W. Larkins.		Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the Dinajpur Collectorate for Oct. 1786.
74	10 Nov.	Charles Grant.		
75	14 Nov.	Thomas Graham.	Actg. Controller of Grain.	

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		Name.	Designation.	
76	14 Nov. 1786	Charles Grant.	Resident at Malda.	
77	16 Nov.	John Stables and others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	16 Nov.	Matthew Dawson	Chief of Murshibad.	Enclosing a *hundi* drawn by Jagannath and Joy Gopal upon Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna Shaha of Murshidabad for Sa Rs 70,000 on account of the Revenues of Dinajpur district.
78	17 Nov.	John Elliot	Actg. Collector at Silberris.	
79	18 Nov.	Charles Grant.		
80	20 Nov,	John Stables & others.		
81	22 Nov.	Ditto.		
82	24 Nov.	John Elliot.		
83	24 Nov.	Charles Grant.		
	26 Nov.	John Stables & others.		Forwarding a draft for Sa Rs 1,30,000 on account of the collections of Dinajpur district.
	1 Dec.	Mathew Dawson		Forwarding a *Hundi* for Sa Rs 70,000 upon Radha Krishna & Ram Krishna Shahas shroffs at Murshidabad.
	1 Dec.	John Stables & others.		Forwarding the treasury account of Dinajpur in English & Persian for Nov. 1786.
84	2 Dec.	S. Davies.	Acting Collector of Bhagalpur.	
	2 Dec.	John Stables & others.		Enclosing a draft for *Sicca* Rs 1,17,948 on account of the Collections of the Dinajpur district
85	4 Dec.	J. Christie.	Residing at Appole.	
86	4 Dec.	Matthew Dawson.		
87	8 Dec.	J. Christie.		

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		Name.	Designation.	
	11 Dec. 1786	William Bruere.	Secy. the G. G. in Council.	Enclosing certain oaths administered under the Board's orders of 5 Dec. 1786.
	13 Dec.	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Enclosing the Running treasury account of Dinajpur Collectorate for Nov. 1786.
88	13 Dec.	John Stables and others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	14 Dec.	W. Larkins.		Forwarding a voucher which was not sent through mistake with the Collector's letter of 13 Dec. 1786.
89	15 Dec.	J. Christie.	Residing at Appole.	
90	16 Dec.	J. E. Harrington.	Deputy Accountant to the Rev. Dept.	
	16 Dec.	Matthew Dawson.	Chief of Murshedabad.	Enclosing two *hundis* for Sa Rs 1,10,000 upon Ramkrishna & Radhakrishna Shahas, shroffs of Murshedabad.
91	18 Dec.	John Kinlock.	Chief of Burdwan.	
92	19 Dec.	Joseph Champion.	Collector of Silberris.	
93	20 Dec.	Charles Grant.	Resident at Malda.	
94	24 Dec.	John Stables & others.		
95	24 Dec.	J. Duncan.	Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	
	27 Dec.	J. Champion.		Enclosing a petition from Baidyanath Das for enquiry and redress.
	31 Dec.	John Stables & others.		Forwarding a draft dated 25 Dec. 1786 for Sa Rs 70,000 on account of the Collections of the Dinajpur District.
	31 Dec.	Ditto.		Enclosing the treasury account of Dinajpur Collectorate (in English and Persian) for Dec. 1786.

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		Name.	Designation.	
	4 Jan. 1787	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Enclosing the Running treasury account of Dinajpur Collectorate for Dec. 1786.
96	5 Jan.	J. Duncan	Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep	
97	8 Jan.	Robert Adair	Collector of Bhagalpur	
	11 Jan.	John Stables & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Enclosing a draft for 70,000 Sa. Rs dated 5th Jan. 1787 on açcount of the Revenues of the district.
	11 Jan.	Matthew Dawson	Chief of Murshedabad	Enclosing two *Hundis* for Sa Rs 1.00,000 upon Radha Krishna & Ram-Krishna Shahas, Shroffs of Murshedabad.
98	12 Jan.	J. Stables & others		
99	15 Jan.	George Udny	Actg Resident at Malda	
100	19 Jan.	R. Goodlad	Collector of Govindaganj	
101	20 Jan.	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur	
102	20 Jan.	George Shee	Judge at Dacca	
	20 Jan.	J. Stables & others		Enclosing a draft dated 15 Jan. 1787 for Sa Rs 1,10,000 on account of the Revenues of the district.
103	20 Jan.	George Udny		
104	22 Jan.	John Stables & others		
	23 Jan.	Ditto.		Transmitting the price current of grain of the district of Dinajpur for Dec. 1786
	26 Jan.	J. Duncan		Enclosing the *Towjee* account of Dinajpur district for *Pous* 1193. B.S. (Dec. 1786—Jan. 1787)

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		Name.	Designation.	
	26 Jan. 1787	Matthew Dawson.	Chief of Murshedabad.	Enclosing a *Hundi* for Sa Rs 80,000 on Radha Krishna & Ram Krishna Shahas, shroffs of Murshedabad on account of the revenues of Dinajpur district.
105	29 Jan.	M Gray.	Registrar of the Taujepur (*Adalat*).	
106	29 Jan.	George Udny.	Actg. Resident at Malda.	
	31 Jan.	Matthew Dawson.		Transmitting a *Hundi* for Sa Rs 40,000 on Ramkrishna & Radha Krishna Shahas.
	31 Jan.	Richard Johnson.	Accountant-Genl. to the Rev. Dept.	Enclosing the treasury account of Dinajpur Collectorate for January 1787 in English & Persian.
107	1 Feb.	Thos. Graham.	Late President of the Committee of grain.	
	3 Feb.	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Enclosing the Running treasury account for Jan. 1787.
108	9 Feb.	[J] Ferramont.	Residing at Consuma Ganj.	
109	10 Feb.	Matthew Dawson.		
	14 Feb.	John Shore & others.	President & Members of the Board of Rev.	Enclosing a statement of the price current of the district for January 1787.
	15 Feb.	R. Johnson.		Enclosing a draft dated 10 Feb. 1787 for Sa Rs 1,00,000 on account of the Collections of the district.
	16 Feb.	Matthew Dawson.		Enclosing a bill of exchange for Sa Rs 40,000 on Radha Krishna & Ram Krishna Shahas on account of the Revenues of the district.
110	17 Feb.	S. G. Heatly.	Collector of Purnea.	
111	19 Feb.	Robert Adair.	Collector of Bhagalpur.	
112	22 Feb.	George Udny.		

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		Name.	Designation.	
	24 Feb. 1787	J. Duncan.	Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Forwarding the *Towjee* account of the district for the month of *Magh* 1193 B.S.
	25 Feb.	Matthew Dawson.	Chief of Murshidabad.	Enclosing a *Hundi* on Radha Krishna & Ram Krishna, shroffs, for Sa Rs 22,000 on account of the revenues of the district.
113	26 Feb.	John Shore and others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
114	28 Feb.	George Udny.	Resident at Malda.	
115	28 Feb.	William Bruere.	Secy. to the G. G. in Council	
	28 Feb.	Matthew Dawson.		Enclosing a bill of exchange on Radha Krishna & Ram Krisha, shroffs, for Sa Rs 13,000 on account of the revenues of the district.
	1 Mar.	R. Johnson.	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Forwarding the treasury account of the district in English & Persian for Feb. 1787.
	3 Mar.	Ditto.		Enclosing a draft dated 23 Feb. 1787 for Sa Rs 80,000 on account of the Revenues of the district.
116	3 Mar.	Matthew Dawson.		
117	5 Mar.	Major J. Dunn.	Commanding at Dinajpur.	
	5 Mar.	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Transmitting the Running treasury account of the district for Feb. 1787.
118	5 Mar.	John Shore & others.		
119	6 Mar.	Ditto.		
120	7 Mar.	B. Alpin.	Secretary to the Board of Rev.	
121	9 Mar.	John Shore & others.		

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		Name.	Designation.	
122	9 Mar. 1787	Lt. Col. John Cockerell.	Aide-de-camp to the Gov. Genl.	
	10 Mar.	R. Johnson.	Accountant Gen. to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a draft dated 1 Mar. 1787 for Sa Rs 30,222 on account of the Revenues of the district.
123	12 Mar.	John Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
124	13 Mar.	D. H. McDowall.	Collector of Rangpur.	
	15 Mar.	Matthew Dawson.	Chief of Murshedabad.	Transmitting a bill of exchange on Ram Krishna & Radha Krishna shroffs for Sa Rs 40,000 on account of the Revenues of the district.
	16 Mar.	John Shore & others.		Enclosing the price current of grain in Dinajpur district for Feb. 1787.
125	17 Mar.	Ditto.		
	18 Mar.	R. Johnson.		Enclosing a draft dated 10 Mar. 1787 for Sa Rs 40,000 on account of the revenues of Dinajpur district.
126	23 Mar.	John White.	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	
	23 Mar.	Burrish Crisp.	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwani Adalat.*	Transmitting an Abstract register of the *Diwani Adalat* for the month of *Phalgun* including a part of *Magh* 1193 B.S.
	26 Mar.	J. Duncan.	Preparer of Reports to the Rev. Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* account of the district for the month of *Phalgun* 1193 B.S.
127	27 Mar.	B. Crisp.		
128	30 Mar.	W. Cowper.	Actg. President of the *Khalsa.*	
	30 Mar.	John Shore & others.		Transmitting a certain list in English & Persian as directed in their letter of 16 Mar. 1787.

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		Name.	Designation.	
129	30 Mar. 1787	John Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	31 Mar.	R. Johnson.	Accountant Gen. to the Rev. Dep.	Enclosing a draft dated 27 Mar. 1787, for Sa Rs 40,000 on account of the revenues of Dinajpur district.
130	1 Apr.	E. Fenwick.	Military Pay-Master General.	
	2 Apr.	R. Johnson.		Transmitting the treasury account in English & Persian for Mar. 1787.
131	4 Apr.	John Shore & others.		
	5 Apr.	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Transmitting the Running treasury account of the district for Mar. 1787.
	7 Apr.	R. Johnson.		Enclosing a draft dated 31 Mar. 1787 for Sa Rs 22,000 on account of the revenues of the district.
132	9 Apr.	J. Duncan.	Preparer of Reports to the Rev. Dep.	
	11 Apr.	B. Crisp.	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*.	Forwarding accounts of deposits &c. and fees received in the *Adalat* for *Pous* to *Phalgun* 1193 B.S.
133	16 Apr.	John White.	Remembrancer to the Criminal Courts.	
134	16 Apr.	J. Shore & others.		
	17 Apr.	R. Johnson.		Forwarding a draft for Rs 13,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
135	19 Apr.	M. Dawson.	Chief of Murshidabad.	
136	21 Apr.	George Udny.	Resident at Malda.	
	23 Apr.	B. Crisp.		Transmitting the abstract Register [of the *Diwani Adalat*] for *Chaitra* 1193 B.S.

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		Name.	Designation.	
137	24 Apr 1787.	J. Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
138	24 Apr.	Ditto.		
	25 Apr.	J. Duncan.	Preparer of Reports to the Rev. Dep.	Transmitting the *Tawjee* accounts of the district for *Chaitra* 1193 B. S.
	29 Apr.	J. White.	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting a Report of prisoners apprehended for March 1787.
139	——	J. Shore & others.		
	1 May.	R. Johnson.	Accountant General to the Rev. Dep.	Transmitting the Treasury account [in English & Persian] for Apr. 1787.
140	8 May.	William Cowper.	Actg. President of the *Khalsa.*	
	11 May.	J. Shore & others.		Transmitting the Price current of Grain for Apr. 1787.
141	11 May.	S. G. Heatly.	Judge of the *Diwany Adalat* at Purnea.	
142	13 May.	J. Shore & others.		
143	13 May.	Ditto.		
144	14 May.	Ditto.		
	22 May.	R. Johnson.		Transmitting a draft for Sa. Rs. 40,000/— on account of the revenues of the district.
	29 May	J. Shore & others.		Transmitting the *Jama Wasil Baki* account for 1193 B.S.
145	29 May.	R. Johnson.		
146	29 May.	J. Shore & others.		
	30 May.	J White.		Enclosing a report of prisoners apprehended, for Apr. 1787.
147	30 May.	J. Champion.	Collector of Silberris.	

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		Name.	Designation.	
	31 May 1787	R. Johnson.	Accountant General to the Revenue Dept.	Transmitting the Annual accounts of the district in English and Persian.
	1 June	Ditto.		Transmitting the Treasury account in English and Persian for May 1787.
	2 June	B. Crisp.	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwony Adalat*.	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for *Baisack* 1194 B.S.
	2 June	Ditto.		Transmitting accounts of Deposits and Fines received in the *Diwani Adalat* of the district for Mar. to May 1787 with a bill of Exchange for the ballance drawn on the house of Jagat Seth at Calcutta for Sa. Rs. 1,112/—.
	2 June	W. Larkins.	Accountant General.	Transmitting the annual accounts of the district.
	4 June	Ditto.	Ditto.	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account for May 1787.
	9 June	J. Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting the Price current of Grain for May 1787.
148	15 June	Major J. Dunn.	Commanding at Dinajpur.	
149	16 June	J. Shore & others.		
	18 June	Ditto.		Transmitting a geneological amount of the families of the zemindars of Dinajpur.
150	20 June	Ditto.		
	22 June	J. White.	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Shaban* 1201 *Hijree*.
151	3 July	J. Shore & others.		
	5 July	B. Crisp.		Transmitting the Abstract Register [of the *Diwani Adalat*] from 12 May to 30 June 1787.

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		Name.	Designation.	
152	6 July 1787.	J Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
153	10 July	Ditto.		
154	10 July	Charles Cockerell.	Post Master General.	
155		List of stages from Dinajpur to Moidapore with the Monthly charge for each *Chouki*.		Enclosure to the above.
156		Charges of a cross stage from Godagarry to Baulea—		Enclosure to no 154.
157		Charges of a cross stage from Dinajpur to Rangpur.		Ditto.
	12 July	J. Shore & others.		Transmitting a list of the inferior public servants nominated to act under the Collector of Dinajpur.
158	12 July	M. Dawson.	Collector of Murshidabad.	
159	15 July	J. Shore & others		
160	17 July	Ditto.		
161	17 July	W. Cowper.	Actg. President of the *Khalsa*.	
	18 July	J. Shore & others.		Transmitting the Price Current of grain of the District for June 1787.
162	23 July	Ditto.		
163	26 July	J. Christie.	[Commercial Resident at Appole].	
164	26 July	Ditto		
165	27 July	J. Shore & others.		
166	——			List of Enclosures to the above.
167	27 July	John Kinlock	Collector of Burdwan	

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		Name.	Designation.	
	29 July 1787	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the Treasury Account (in English and Persian) of the District for June 1787.
168	30 July	J. Shore & others		President & Members of the Board of Revenue
169	30 July	Ditto		
170	31 July	Edward Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
171	——	J. Shore & others		
172	1 Aug.	Ditto		
173	4 Aug.	Matthew Day	Collector of Dacca	
	5 Aug.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting the Treasury Account (in English and Persian) of the district for Aug. 1787
	5 Aug.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the District for July and the estimate of probable receipts and disbursements for Aug. 1787.
174	7 Aug.	S. G. Heatly	Collector of Purnea	
175	7 Aug.	Edward Fenwick		
	7 Aug.	B. Crisp	Registrar, *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for July 1787
176	8 Aug.	J. Shore & others		
177	9 Aug.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	
178	10 Aug.	J. Shore & others		
179	12 Aug.	W. Cowper.	Acting President of the *Khalsa*	
180	15 Aug. 1787	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	

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		Name	Designation	
	15 Aug. 1787	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue.	Transmitting a Price Current of Grain for July 1787.
181	15 Aug.	Ditto		
182	17 Aug.	Ditto		
183	17 Aug.	Ditto		
184	17 Aug.	*Hundis* sent to the Collr of Dacca by T. Harris from Kasimbazar under cover of a letter from the Collector of Dinajpur.		
	20 Aug.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in *Shawal* 1201 *Hijree* (July-Aug. 1787)
185	22 Aug.	Thomas Short	Asstt : Secy. to the G. G. in Council	
186	28 Aug.	J. Shore & others		
187	28 Aug.	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
188	28 Aug.	J. Shore & others		
189	29 Aug.	William Farquharson and others	Members of the Committee of Investigation [for the outstanding Balances]	
190	29 Aug.	J. Shore & others		
191	29 Aug.	Ditto		
	30 Aug.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports, Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* account of the district for *Baisack* to *Shraban* 1194 B. S. (Apr. Aug. 1787)
	30 Aug.	Matthew Day	Collector of Dacca	Enclosing a *hundi* for Sa Rs 38000 with a request to forward a draft upon the Board for the same.
	31 Aug.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting authenticated copies of the Deeds of Settlement executed by the zemindars and renters for 1194 B. S.
192	31 Aug. 1787	Robert Adair	Collector of Bhagalpur	

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		Name	Designation	
	31 Aug. 1787	R. Johnson	Accountant Gen. to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a Register of Receipts from 8 *Shraban* to 15 *Bhadra* 1194 B. S.
	31 Aug.	Ditto		Enclosing a *Hundi* drawn upon Baidyanath and Nandaram, Shroffs at Calcutta, for Sa Rs 25,000/— on account of the revenue of the District
	31 Aug.	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajshahi	Enclosing a *hundi* drawn by Poran Krishna Sarkar upon Titoram Das of Kasimbazar for Sa Rs 40,000 with a request to send a draft upon the Board of Revenue for the amount.
193	1 Sep.	R. Johnson		
	2 Sep.	B. Crisp	Registrar, *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting an Account of deposits, fines etc., received in the Dinajpur *Diwany Adalat* with an account current for June 1787
	2 Sep.	R. Johnson		Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements in the district for Sep. 1787.
194	3 Sep.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
195	3 Sep.	R. Johnson		
196	3 Sep.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	
197	4 Sep.	J. Shore & others		
198	5 Sep.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	
	5 Sep.	R. Johnson	Accountant Genl. to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the Treasury Account (in English & Persian) of the District for Aug. 1787

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		Name	Designation	
	5 Sep. 1787	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting the Cash Account of the district, with vouchers, for Aug. 1787.
	5 Sep.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Aug. 1787.
	8 Sep.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting copies of requisitions made to the Officer Commanding at Dinajpur, during Aug. 1787.
	5 Sep.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the district for Aug. 1787.
199	10 Sep.	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
200	10 Sep.	J. Shore & others		
201	12 Sep.	M. Day	Collector of Dacca	
	15 Sep.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price Current of grain for Aug. 1787
202	18 Sep.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
	20 Sep.	J. White		Forwarding a report for *Zilkaada* with copies of complaints & orders passed thereon (in *English* and *Persian*) and the report for *Shawal* 1201 *Hijree*, (July - Aug. 1787)
	20 Sep.	W. Cowper	Actg. President of the *Khalsa*	Forwarding a *Vokalatnama* authorizing Harachandra Ghose to act as *vakil* of Ramkanta Roy at the Presidency.
203	21 Sep.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	
204	22 Sep.	Robert Gosling	Resident at Rangpur	
205	28 Sep.	W. Farquharson & others	Members of the Comee. for investigating & recovering the outstanding Balances	

206 Account Sales of the E. I. Company's Grain for Feb.- to Dec. 1785. (*Enclosure to above*)

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		Name	Designation	
207	28 Sep. 1787	M. Day	Judge at Dacca	
208	29 Sep.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Revenue.	
209	29 Sep.	Ditto		
	29 Sep.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* Account of the district for *Bhadra* 1194 B. S.
	30 Sep.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a Register of Receipts for the district from 17 *Bhadra* to 15 *Assin* 1194 B. S.
210	— Sep.	D. H. Mc Dowall	Collector of Rangpur	
211	1 Oct.	R. Johnson		
	1 Oct.	Ditto		Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements of the district for Oct. 1787
	1 Oct.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Exclosing a *hundi* drawn by Poran Krishna Das upon Titoram Das for Sa Rs. 90,000 with the request to send a draft on the Board of Rev. for the amount.
	2 Oct.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a Cash Account of the district with vouchers for Sep. 1787
212	4 Oct.	J. Christie	[Commercial] Resident at Appole	
213	5 Oct.	R. Johnson		
	5 Oct.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Sep. 1787
214	6 Oct.	G. C. Meyer		
	6 Oct.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting the abstract register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Sep. 1787

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	8 Oct. 1787	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting an account of deposits and fines, received in the *Adalat* with an Account current for July to Sep. 1787 and a bill of exchange drawn upon the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs. 300/-
215	9 Oct.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	10 Oct.	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Transmitting a bill for the *Dâk* charges for Sep. 1785.
	10 Oct.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. preparer of Reports to the Rev. Dept.	Transmitting Accounts Settlement (in *English* and *Persian*) as confirmed by the Board of Rev. for 1787.
216	13 Oct.	R. Johnson	Accountant-General to the Rev. Dep.	
	15 Oct.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price Current of Grain for Sep. 1787
	15 Oct.	M. Day	Collector of Dacca	Enclosing a *hundi* drawn by Porankrishna upon Krishna Chandra Das of Dacca for 50,000 Sa. Rs with the request to forward a draft on the Board of Revenue for the amount.
217	16 Oct.	Michael Atkinson	Asstt. to the Collector of Nator	
218	19 Oct.	M. Day	[Collector and Judge of Dacca]	
219	20 Oct.	J. Shore & others		
220	22 Oct.	Ditto		
	24 Oct.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Forwarding copies of complaints (in *English* and *Persian*) for the month of *Zilhijah* 1201 *Hijree* and a report thereon ; also report of prisoners made over to the *Darogah*.

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221	25 Oct. 1787	John Eliot	Commissioner of Zaffarshahi	
222	25 Oct.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
223	25 Oct.	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
	27 Oct.	John Eliot		Enclosing a receipt from the Canongoes for the *Permanna* issued to them according to Mr. Eliot's letter of 15 Oct. 1787
224	27 Oct.	J. Shore & others		
225	27 Oct.	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur	
	29 Oct.	J. Shore & others		Enclosing a copy of several deeds executed by the farmer of Silberris etc. under the security of Syed Golaum Sultan.
226	30 Oct.	Ditto		
	30 Oct.	M. Day	Collector at Dacca	Enclosing a *Hundi* drawn upon Krishnacharan Das, Shroff at Dacca, for S^a^ Rs, 50,000/-on account of the revenues of the district
	30 Oct.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* drawn upon Tittaram Das of Kasimbazar for S^a^ R^s^ 55,000/-on account of the collections of the district.
	30 Oct.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a *Hundi* for S^a^ Rs 30,000/-drawn upon Ram mohan Bose, on account of the revenues of the District.
	31 Oct.	M. Dawson		Enclosing a *Hundi* drawn upon the House of Radha krishna and Jagannath, Bankers at Mushedabad, for S^a^ Rs 61,000/—on account of the collections of the district.

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	31 Oct. 1787	R. Johnson	Accountant Genl. to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting an estimate of probable Receipts & Disbursements of the district for Nov. 1787
227	1 Nov.	Ditto		
	1 Nov.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting the cash account of the district with vouchers, for Oct. 1787
	1 Nov.	R. Johnson		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the District (in English and Persian) for Oct 1787
	1 Nov.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury account of the district for Oct. 1787
228	1 Nov.	J. White		
229	2 Nov.	Ditto		
	5 Nov.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting an account of deposits & fines received in the *Diwany Adalat*, with an account current for Oct 1787 and a bill of exchange for Sª Rs 17,, 14,, 2,, 2., drawn by W. Hunter on Messrs Burgh & Bailar.
230	6 Nov.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Prep. of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	
	6 Nov.	M. Day	Collector of Dacca	Transmitting two *hundis* for Sª Rs 16,000/-and 14,000/-on account of the revenues of the district drawn upon Monohar Das and Shiboprasad Das and upon Geewul Das and Kishori Das respectively.
	7 Nov.	Charles Cockrell	Post Master General	Transmitting a bill for the *Dâk* charges for Oct. 1787
231	7 Nov.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	

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		Name	Designation	
	7 Nov. 1787	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Oct. 1787.
232	8 Nov.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
233	9 Nov.	Ditto		
	9 Nov.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant Gen[l] for S[a] Rs 90,000-remitted to the Collector of Murshedabad on account of the revenues of the District.
234	10 Nov.	J. Shore & others		
235	10 Nov.	Ditto		
236	10 Nov.	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
237	15 Nov.	John Eliot	Commissioner [of Zaffarshahi]	
238	15 Nov.	J. Shore & others		
	15 Nov.	Ditto		Transmitting a Price current of Grain for Oct. 1787
239	15 Nov.	Ditto		
	15 Nov.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Mohurrum*, 1202 *Hijree*
240	17 Nov.	Capt. John Rotton	Commanding at Dinajpur	
241	18 Nov.	W. Farquharson & others	Members of the Com[ee] for investigating and recovering outstanding Balances-	
242	21 Nov.	J. Shore & others		
243	21 Nov.	W. Cowper	Actg. President of the *Khalsa*.	
244	22 Nov.	J. Shore & others		
245	24 Nov.	Ditto		

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		Name	Designation	
	24 Nov. 1787	C. Cockerell	Post Master General	Transmitting an account of the [*Dâk*] stages between Dinajpur & Malda with their distances and charges.
246	28 Nov.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	
	28 Nov.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* Account of the district for *Kartick*, 1194 B. S.
	28 Nov.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a Register of Receipts of the district from 22 Kartick to 15 *Aughran* 1194 B. S.
	30 Nov..	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Transmitting a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna, Bankers of Murshidabad, for S^a R^s 75,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
247	1 Dec.	R. Johnson		Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements for Dec. 1787
	1 Dec.	Ditto		
248	1 Dec.	W. Hunter		
	3 Dec.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Enclosing copies of two letters sent to the Commanding officer at Taujepur.
249	3 Dec.	G. C. Meyer		
	5 Dec.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Nov. 1787.
	5 Dec.	J. White		Transmitting a Cash account of the district with vouchers, for Nov. 1787.
250	5 Dec.	R. Johnson		

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	5 Dec. 1787	R. Johnson	Accountant Genl. to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district (in English and Persian) for Nov. 1787.
	5 Dec.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	Transmitting an account of deposits & fines, received in the *Diwany Adalat*, with an account current, for Nov. 1787 and a bill of exchange for S^a^ R^s^ 156-5- drawn upon the House of Jagat Seth.
251	8 Dec.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	8 Dec.	R. Johnson		Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant General for S^a^ R^s^ 55,000-, remitted to the Collector of Murshidabad on account of the revenues of the district.
	8 Dec.	B. Crisp		Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Nov. 1787
	10 Dec.	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Transmitting a bill for the *Dâk* charges for Nov. 1787.
252	13 Dec.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	13 Dec.	R. Johnson		Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant general for S^a^ R^s^ 61,000- remitted to the Coll^r^ of Murshidabad, on account of the revenues of the district.
253	13 Dec.	John Eliot	Commissioner of [Zafarshahi]	
	14 Dec.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Safar* 1202 *Hijree.*
	15 Dec.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price Current of grain for Nov. 1787.

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254	15 Dec. 1787	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
255	18 Dec.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
256	18 Dec.	Ditto		
257	19 Dec.	Edward Hay	Secy. to the G. G. in Council	
258	19 Dec.	J. Shore & others		
	22 Dec.	M. Dawson		Transmitting a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna, for S[a] R[s] 80,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
	24 Dec.	Ditto		Transmitting a *Hundi* on the House of Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna, for S[a] R[s] 1,00,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
	24 Dec.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Rev. Dep.	Transmitting a *Hundi* for S[a] R[s] 50,000- drawn upon Rammohan Bose, on account of the revenues of the district.
	27 Dec.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* Account of the district for *Aughran* 1194 B. S.
	27 Dec.	R. Johnson		Transmitting register of receipts of the district from 18 *Aughran* to 15 *Pous* 1194 B. S.
259	29 Dec.	G. C. Meyer		
260	29 Dec.	J. Shore & others		
261	30 Dec.	Ditto		
	30 Dec.	M. Dawson		Transmitting a *Hundi* on the House of Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna for S[a] R[s] 70,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
262	31 Dec.	Edward Hay		

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263	1 Jan. 1788	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	
	1 Jan.	Dttio		Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts & disbursements for Jan. 1788.
	2 Jan.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	Transmitting an account of deposits & fines, received in the [*Diwany*] *Adalat* with an account current for Dec. 1787 and a bill of exchange upon the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs 354-
	2 Jan.	Ditto		Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwani Adalat* for Dec. 1787
264	2 Jan.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	
	2 Jan.	Ditto		Transmitting the Cash Account of the district with vouchers for Dec. 1787.
	3 Jan.	R. Johnson		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district (in English & Persian) for Dec. 1787.
	3 Jan.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Dec. 1787
265	5 Jan.	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajshahi	
266	5 Jan	Mr Dundeer	Residing at the Factory of Saumgunj in *Pargana* Santose	
267	7 Jan.	James Christie	[Commercial] Resident at Appole	
	7 Jan.	Charles Cockrell	Post Master General	Transmitting a bill of *Dák* charges for Dec. 1787.
268	7 Jan.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	7 Jan.	R. Johnson		Transmitting a draft for Sa Rs 75,000-, on account of the revenues of the district.

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		Name	Designation	
269	7 Jan. 1788	Edward Hay	Secy. to Govt :	
270	11 Jan.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
271	12 Jan.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
272	14 Jan.	Mr Darell	Residing at the Factory of Saumgunj in *Pargana* Santose	
	14 Jan.	M. Dawson	Collr. of Moorshidabad	Transmitting a ***Hundi*** on the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs- 80,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
273	15 Jan.	Robert Adair	Magistrate of Bhagalpur	
	15 Jan.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price current of grain [for Dec. 1787]
274	15 Jan.	Edw. Hay		
275	15 Jan.	T. H. Dingley	Residing at Saumgunje in *Pargana* Santose	
276	15 Jan.	Ditto		
277	15 Jan.	J. Shore & others		
	18 Jan.	M. Dawson		Transmitting a ***Hundi*** on the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna, shroffs of Murshidabad, for Sa Rs 1,00,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
	18 Jan.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of ***Rubbieul Owal***, 1202 ***Hijree.***
278	21 Jan.	M. Dawson.		
279	23 Jan.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	

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	24 Jan. 1788	Peter Speke	Resident at the *Durbar*	Forwarding a petition of the zemindar of Burbocpur and a copy of the Board's letter in that connection.
	24 Jan.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Transmitting a *Hundi* on the House of Radha Krishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 60,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
280	24 Jan.	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
281	24 Jan.	Ditto		
282	24 Jan.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	
	25 Jan.	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajshahi	Transmitting an application from Mr Udny
283	26 Jan.	Robert Adair	Magistrate, Bhagalpur	
	26 Jan.	R. Johnson.	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant general to the Revenue Dep., for Sa Rs 80,000/——
	25 Jan.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* Account of the district for the month of *Pous* 1194 B. S.
	26 Jan.	R. Johnson		Transmitting a register of receipts for the district from 20 *Pous* to 15 *Magh* 1194 B.S.
284	30 Jan	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	31 Jan.	M. Dawson		Transmitting a *Hundi* on the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs. 51,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
285	1 Feb.	J. Shore & others		

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	1 Feb. 1788	R. Johnson	Accountant General to Rev. Dep.	Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements of the district for Feb. 1788.
286	1 Feb.	Ditto		
287	1 Feb.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	2 Feb.	J. White.	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting the Cash Account of the district with vouchers for Jan. 1788.
	2 Feb.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Jan. 1788
	2 Feb.	R. Johnson.		Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep. for S Rs 1,00,000-
	4 Feb.	Thomas Graham.	Actg. President of the *Khalsa.*	Returning a petition sent by mistake.
288	4 Feb.	J Shore & others.		
	4 Feb.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting an account of deposits & fines received in the [*Diwani*] *Adalat*, with an account current for Jan. 1788 and a bill of exchange on the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs 466-9/-
	4 Feb.	Ditto		Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Jan. 1788.
	5 Feb.	J. Shore & others.		Transmitting certain papers & accounts required by the *Roy Rogan.*
289	5 Feb.	Ditto		
290	5 Feb.	Ditto		
291	6 Feb.	E. Fenwick	Military Pay-Master-General.	

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	7 Feb. 1788	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General.	Forwarding a bill for the *Dâk* charges for Jan 1788.
	8 Feb.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports, Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a report upon a petition of Ramchandra Lahiry.
292	9 Feb.	George Udny	Resident at Malda.	
	10 Feb.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep. for Sa Rs 70,000- on account of the revenue of the district.
293	11 Feb.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	11 Feb.	Benjamin Aplin	Secy. Bd. of Rev.	Intimating the despatch of four baskets of *Bazee Zemin* accounts of the district.
	11 Feb.	M. Dawson	Collector at Murshidabad	Forwarding a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 50,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
294	12 Feb.	George Udny		
295	12 Feb.	J. Shore & others		
296	13 Feb.	Robert Pott	Collector of Govt. Customs at Murshidabad.	
	14 Feb.	M. Dawson		Enclosing two petitions from Syed Buddieul Z'man and Atta Hussein the son of Rezie-ul-die for consideration.
297	14 Feb.	George Udny.		
298	15 Feb.	M. Dawson.	Magistrate at Murshidabad.	
	15 Feb.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price current of grain for Jan. 1788.

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	15 Feb. 1788	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Rubbie-ul-Sannie*, 1202 *Hijree.*
299	15 Feb.	J. Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
300	16 Feb.	S. G. Heatly.	Collector of Purnea.	
301	17 Feb.	J. Shore & others		
	17 Feb.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a draft on the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep., for Sa Rs 80,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
302	17 Feb.	J. White		
	18 Feb.	R. Johnson		Enclosing a *Hundi* drawn upon Rammohan Bose for Sa Rs 20,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
303	18 Feb.	J. Shore & others		
304	20 Feb.	George Udny	Resident at Malda.	
305	21 Feb.	Ditto		
	21 Feb.	R. Johnson		Transmitting a draft upon the Accountant general to the Revenue Dep., for Sa Rs 1,00,000-on account of the revenues of the district.
	21 Feb.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 30,000-on account of the revenues of the district.
306	22 Feb.	J. Shore & others		
	23 Feb.	George Udny		Returning two enclosurers received with Mr Udny's letter of 16 Feb. 1788
307	25 Feb.	Ditto		

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	25 Feb. 1788	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* Account of the district for the month of *Magh* 1194 B.S.
	25 Feb.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the Register of Receipts from 21 *Magh* to 15 *Falgoon* 1194 B.S.
308	25 Feb.	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur	
	25 Feb.	R. Johnson		Enclosing a *Hundi* for Sª Rˢ 15,000/- drawn upon Ram Mohan Bose, on account of the revenues of the district.
309	27 Feb.	D. H. McDowall		
	29 Feb.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radhakrishna & Ram Krishna for Sª Rˢ 13,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
310	29 Feb.	R. Pott	Collector of Govt. Customs at Murshidabad	
311	1 Mar.	R. Johnson		
	1 Mar.	Ditto		Enclosing an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements, in the district for Mar. 1788.
	1 Mar.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting a copy of his application to the Officer Commanding at Taujepur dated 28 Feb. 1788.
	3 Mar.	R. Johnson		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district for Feb. 1788
	3 Mar.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting the Cash Account of the district with vouchers for Feb. 1788.
	3 Mar.	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Feb. 1788.

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312	5 Mar. 1788	S. G. Heatly	Magistrate of Purnea.	
	5 Mar.	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a draft upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep., for S^a R^s 60,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
313	5 Mar.	Robert Adair	Magistrate of Bhagalpur.	
	5 Mar.	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General.	Enclosing a bill for the *Dák* charges for Feb. 1788.
	5 Mar.	B. Crisp	Registrar of the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Feb. 1788.
	5 Mar.	Ditto		Transmitting an account of deposits & fines, received in the *Diwany Adalat*, with an account current, for Feb. 1788, and a bill of exchange upon the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs 359-10-
	6 Mar.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad.	Enclosing a petition for enquiry and redress
314	6 Mar.	E. Fenwick	Military Pay-Master General.	
315	7 Mar.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
316	7 Mar.	M Dawson		
317	7 Mar.	George Udny	Resident at Malda.	
	7 Mar.	R. Johnson		Enclosing a draft for Sa Rs 51,000- upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep., on account of the revenues of the district.
318	13 Mar.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur.	
319	13 Mar.	George Udny		
320	14 Mar.	Ditto		

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	14 Mar. 1788	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Jumudieul Owal* 1202 *Hijree.*
	15 Mar.	J. Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting a Price current of Grain for Feb. 1788.
	15 Mar.	Ditto		Enclosing an account of grain in store in the several Ganjes of the district on 30 *Falgoon* 1194 B.S.
	16 Mar.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad.	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 35,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
	16 Mar.	R. Johnson	Accountant Genl. to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a draft for Sa Rs 50,000- upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep., on account of the revenues of the district.
321	16 Mar.	J. White.		
322	18 Mar.	J. Shore & others		
323	21 Mar.	R. Johnson		
	23 Mar.	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* account of the district for the month of *Falgoon* 1194 B. S.
324	24 Mar.	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur.	
325	24 Mar.	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajshahi.	
326	24 Mar.	J. White		
	24 Mar.	R. Johnson		Transmitting the Register of Receipts from 21 *Falgoon* to 11 *Chaitra* 1194 B. S.
327	25 Mar.	M. Dawson		

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	29 Mar. 1788	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Transmitting copy of a petition from Ram Kanta Roy, *Naib Zemindar* of Dinajpur, for redress
	29 Mar.	R. Johnson	Accountant Genl. to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a draft upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep., for S^a Rs. 30,000 on account of the revenues of the district.
328	29 Mar.	George Uduy	Resident at Malda	
	31 Mar.	M. Dawson		Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for S^a Rs. 37,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
	31 Mar.	Thomas Dashwood	Agent for the supplies of stationery.	Enclosing an indent for stationery.
329	1 Apr.	R. Johnson		
	1 Apr.	Ditto		Enclosing an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements of the district for Apr. 1788.
	3 Apr.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Mar. 1788.
	3 Apr.	R. Johnson		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district for Mar. 1788.
	3 Apr.	W. Larkins	Accountant General.	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Mar. 1788.
	3 Apr.	B. Crisp		Enclosing an account of deposits fines received in the *Diwani Adalat*, and an account current, for Mar. 1788 and a bill of exchange drawn upon the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs. 336-9.

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	4 Apr. 1788	J Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting an account of the quantity of grain in store, with a price current of grain, at the different *Gunjes* of the district, on 31 Mar. 1788.
	4 Apr.	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Enclosing a bill for *Dák* charges for Mar. 1788.
330	8 Apr.	Ditto		
331	12 Apr.	Peter Speke	Resident at the *Durbar*	
332	14 Apr.	J. Shore & others		
333	15 Apr.	Edward Fenwick	Military Pay-Master General	
	15 Apr.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price current of grain [for Mar. 1788]
	16 Apr.	Ditto		Transmitting the Persian Accounts required in the Board's letter of 14 Mar. 1788.
	16 Apr.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Jumaudieul Sannie* 1202 *Hijree*.
334	16 Apr.	Ditto		
	19 Apr.	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a comparative Price current of grain up to 15 Apr. 1788.
	24 Apr.	George Charles Meyer	Actg. Prepr. of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting a *Towjee* Account of the district for the month of *Chaitra* 1194 B. S.
335	24 Apr.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	
	24 Apr.	R. Johnson	Accountant Genl. to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the Register of Receipts in the district from 22 *Chaitra* 1194 B. S. to 15 *Baisack* 1195 B. S.

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		Name	Designation	
336	25 Apr. 1788	George Purling		
	26 Apr.	S. G. Heatly	Magistrate of Purnea	Enclosing the *zuvan bundee* (deposition) of Gourca, an associate of Servo *Decoit.*
	30 Apr.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sª Rs. 7,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
337	30 Apr.	Edward Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
338	1 May	James Graham	Actg. Magistrate of Rangpur	
339	1 May	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	
	1 May	Ditto		Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements of the district for May 1788.
	1 May	Ditto		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district (in English & Persian) for Apr. 1788.
	1 May	W. Larkins	Accountant General	Transmitting the Running Treasury Account of the district for Apr. 1788.
340	4 May	Edward Hay		
	5 May	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	Enclosing an account of deposits & fines, received in the *Diwany Adalat*, with an account current; for Apr. 1788, and a bill of exchange upon the House of Jugat Seth for Sª Rˢ 591/5.
	5 May	Ditto		Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* of Dinajpur for Apr. 1788.

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		Name	Designation	
	7 May 1788	R. Johnson	Accountant General to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a draft for S[a] R[s] 35,000- upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep. on account of the revenues of the district.
341	7 May	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	8 May	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General.	Transmitting a bill for the *Dâk* charges for Apr. 1788.
342	9 May	Edward Fenwick	Military Paymaster General.	
	12 May	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts.	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Rajeb* 1202 *Hijri.*
	13 May	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur	Enclosing a petition from Gourikanta, *Naib* of Radhakanta, *Zemindar* of *Pargana* Chowgong.
	16 May	George Udny	Commercial Resident at Malda.	Transmitting copies of answers to the complaints of certain weavers against the collecting officers of the District and acknowledging receipt of his letter of 17 Apr. 1788.
	16 May	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a comparative Price current of grain up to 15 May 1788.
	16 May	Ditto		Transmitting a Price current of grain upto 15 May 1788.
343	17 May	J White		
	21 May	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Revenue Dep.	Enclosing a draft upon the Accountant General to the Revenue Dep., for S[a] R[s] 37,000- on account of the revenues of the district.

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		Name	Designation	
	22 May 1788	J. Shore & others.	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Enclosing the *Jama Wasil Baki* Account of the district (in English & Persian) for 1194 B. S.
344	22 May	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
345	24 May	J Shore & others		
346	24 May	Ditto		
	24 May	Ditto		Enclosing a copy of his application of 24 May 1788 to the Commanding Officer [at Dinajpur].
	26 May	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Transmitting the Annual Accounts of the district (in English and Persian) from 1 May 1787 to 30 Apr. 1788, with a detailed Account Particulars (in English and Persian), inserted in the general Treasury account.
347	28 May	S. G. Heatly	Magistrate of Purnea.	
348	28 May	Richard Becher	Resident at Rangpur.	
	28 May	J. Shore & others		Enclosing a copy of his application to the Commanding Officer (at Dinajpur), dated 28 May 1788.
	29 May	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Transmitting a copy of a petition from Kasinath Sarma of *Pargana* Santose for investigation.
	29 May	Peter Speke	Collector of Rajshahi.	Transmitting a copy of a petition from Hari Krishna Sarma of *Pargana* Santose for investigation.
349	29 May	M. Dawson		
	29 May	T. H. Dingley	Residing at Saumgunj	Enclosing an affidavit and desiring a reply.
350	30 May	J. Shore & others		
351	31 May	Ditto		

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		Name	Designation	
	31 May 1788	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting a Price current of grain at the principal Gunjes of the district.
	31 May	Ditto		Transmitting a comparative price current of Grain on 31 May 1787 and 1788.
	31 May	Ditto		Transmitting an Account of the quantity of grain in store, in the district.
352	1 June	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Revenue Dep.	
353	2 June	G. Udny	Resident at Malda	
	2 June	J. E. Harington		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district (in English and Persian) for May 1788.
	2 June	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur	Enclosing a copy of a petition from Kalicharan Shaha of *chakla.* Gullabarry for investigation.
	2 June	J. Shore & others		Forwarding an application to the Officer Commanding at Taujepur to prevent the operation of a writ against the effects of the Raja of Dinajpur.
354	2 June	Edward Hay	Secy. to Govt	
	6 June	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting an Account of deposits and fines, received in the *Diwany Adalat*, with an account current, for May 1788 and a bill of exchange upon the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs 277,, 1,.—
	7 June	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Enclosing a bill for the *Dâk* charges for May 1788.
	7 June	B. Crisp		Transmitting an Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for May 1788.

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		Name	Designation	
355	7 June 1788	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
356	10 June	M. Dawson	Magistrate of Murshidabad	
357	10 June	Ditto		
358	10 June	Edward Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
359	10 June	Ditto		
	11 June	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev	Enclosing a draft from the Collector of Murshidabad for S^a R^s 7,000-, on account of the revenues of the district.
360	12 June	J. Shore & others		
361	12 June	J. E. Harington		
	12 June	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Sabhan* 1202 *Hijree*
362	13 June	Ditto		
363	13 June	Ditto		
364	13 June	J. Shore & others		
365	14 June	Peter Speke	Judge of the *Adalat* at Natore	
366	14 June	Ditto		
367	14 June	J. Shore & others		
368	14 June	J. White		
369	14 June	J. Shore & others		
	15 June	Ditto		Enclosing for audit a contingent bill for the travelling charges of Mr. Purling, during his deputation to attach the grain in the district by order of the G. G. in Council, dated 17 Apr. 1788.

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		Name	Designation	
	15 June 1788	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Enclosing for audit a contingent bill from Mr. Hunter deputed to examine the obstructions at the mouths of the Teesta and Purnabubbah, as directed in the Board's letter of 20 Nov. 1787.
	15 June	Ditto		Transmitting a Price Current of grain at the principal Gunjes of the district.
	15 June	Ditto		Transmitting a comparative price current of grain on 15 June 1787 and 1788.
370	16 June	Ditto		
371	17 June	T. Graham	Acting President of the *Khalsa.*	
372	22 June	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate at Rangpur	
373	22 June	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	
374	27 June	G. C. Meyer	Act. Prepr. of Reports, Revenue Dep.	
375	28 June	J. Shore & others		
376	28 June	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
377	28 June	D. H. McDowall		
378	30 June	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General.	
379	1 July	J. Shore & others		
380	1 July	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	
	1 July	Ditto		Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts & disbursements for July 1788.
381	2 July	J. Shore & others		
382	2 July	Ditto		
383	2 July	J. E. Harington		

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		Name	Designation	
	2 July 1788	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting the Cash Account of the district, with vouchers, for June 1788.
384	3 July	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	
385	3 July	Edward Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
386	4 July	D. H. McDowall	Collector of Rangpur	
	5 July	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district (in English and Persian) for June 1788.
	5 July	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Transmitting a bill for the *Dák* charges for June 1788
387	5 July	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
	5 July	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Forwarding an amended account *Fussil bundee* (in English & Persian) as ordered in the Board's letter of 18 Apr. 1788.
388	5 July	J. Macfarlane	Clerk of the Market at Fort William	
389	5 July	Ditto		
390	5 July	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	
	5 July	B. Crisp		Enclosing the return directed to be transmitted in Mr. Crisp's letter of 5 June 1788.
	5 July	J. Shore & others		Transmitting a Price current of grain at the principal Gunjes of the district.
	5 July	B. Crisp		Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for June 1788.

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		Name	Designation	
	5 July 1788	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	Transmitting an account of deposits and fines received in the *Diwany Adalat* with an account current, for June 1788 and a bill of exchange drawn upon the House of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs 257-8
391	7 July	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
392	7 July	Ditto		
393	8 July	E. Fenwick	Military Pay Master General.	
394	8 July	Edward Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
395	9 July	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
396	10 July	E. E. Burges	Magistrate of Murshidabad	
397	10 July	M. Dawson	Clelector of Murshidabad	
	11 July	Ditto		Enclosing a ***Hundi*** upon the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 50,000 on account of the revenues of the district.
398	12 July	Marmaduke Grey	Late Registrar to the *Diwany Adalat* at Taujpur.	
399	12 July	M. Dawson		
	12 July	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Ramzan* 1202 *Hijree*
400	13 July	G. H. Barlow	Asst. Secy. to Govt.	
401	14 July	M. Dawson		
4C2	14 July	J. White		
	15 July	J. Shore & others		Transmitting the price Current of grain of the district [for June 1788 ?]
403	16 July	Marmaduke Grey		
404	16 July	Edward Hay		

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405	17 July 1788	George Udny	Resident at Malda	
406	20 July	E. Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
	21 July	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Enclosing the Treasury Account (of the district) according to the new form as directed in the Board's letter of 15 July 1788
	21 July	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna for Sa Rs 28,000 - on account of the revenues of the district
407	22 July	Edward Hay		
408		*List of Enclosures to the above letter.*		
	22 July	Thomas Graham	Actg. President at the *Khalsa.*	Enclosing a paper and accounts agreable to the memo sent with Mr. Graham's letter of 9 July 1788.
409	25 July	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	27 July	G. C. Meyer	Actg. Preparer of Reports to the Revenue Dep.	Transmitting the *Towjee* account of the district for *Baisack* to *Asar* 1195 B. S.
	27 July	J. E. Harington		Enclosing a Register of receipts from 16 *Asaar* to 6 *Shraban* 1915 B. S.
410	30 July	Edward Hay		
	31 July	M. Dawson.		Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radhakrishna and Ram Krishna for Sa Rs 18,000 - on account of the revenues of the district.
411	1 Aug.	J. E. Haringten		

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		Name	Designation	
	1 Aug. 1788	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Enclosing an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements of the district for Aug. 1788.
	1 Aug.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Enclosing the cash account of the district, with vouchers, for July 1788.
	4 Aug.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat*	Transmitting an account of deposits & fines received in Dinajpur *Adalat* in July 1788 with an account current & a bill of exchange on the house of Jagat Seth for Sa. Rs 196 & 3 pice.
	5 Aug.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting the Treasury account of the district for July 1788.
	5 Aug.	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Enclosing the bill for the *Dák* charges of the district for July 1788
	5 Aug.	B. Crisp		Transmitting the abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for July 1788.
	9 Aug.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the House of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 70,000/- on account of the revenues of the district
412	9 Aug.	D. H. Mc Dowall	Magistrate of Rangpur	
413	10 Aug.	G. Udny	Resident at Malda	
	10 Aug.	M. Dawson		Enclosing a *Hundi* on Jagat Seth Koshal Chand for Sa Rs 10,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
414	11 Aug.	S. G. Heatly	Judge of Purnea	
415	11 Aug.	G. Udny		

No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
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	11 Aug. 1788	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting a report of prisoners apprehended in the month of *Shawal* 1202 *Hijree*
416	12 Aug.	Ditto		
417	14 Aug.	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
418	14 Aug	E. Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
419	15 Aug.	B. Aplin	Secy. to the Board of Rev.	
	15 Aug.	J Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting a price Current of Grain [for July 1788]
	15 Aug.	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Transmitting a draft for Sa Rs 50,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
420	16 Aug.	T. H. Dingley	Resident at Saumganj	
	16 Aug.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Transmitting a *Hundi* upon the House of Radha Krishna and Ram Krishna for Sa Rs 20,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
421	16 Aug.	G. Udny	Resident at Malda	
422	18 Aug.	R. Becher	Resident at Rangpur	
423	19 Aug	J. Shore & others		
424	20 Aug.	G. Udny		
425	20 Aug.	J. E. Harington		
	22 Aug.	G. Udny		Forwarding the reply of Jagannath Nundi, *Amin*, to the complaints of the weavers of Moluckpara.
426	23 Aug.	J. White		

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		Name	Designation	
427	24 Aug. 1788	J. Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
428	25 Aug.	Ditto		
429	27 Aug.	R. Becher	Resident at Rangpur	
	27 Aug.	J. E Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Enclosing a draft for Sa Rs 28,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
430	28 Aug.	E. Hay	Secy. to Govt.	
	28 Aug.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting the *Towjs* account of the district for *Shraban* 1195 B. S.
	28 Aug.	Ditto		Transmitting the Register of receipts of the district from 16 *Shraban* to 2 *Bhadra* 1195 B. S.
	29 Aug.	M. Dawson	Collector of Murshidabad	Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the house of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 50,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
431	30 Aug.	Peter Speke	Magistrate of Rajshahi	
432	30 Aug.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur	
433	30 Aug.	J. Fendall	Actg. Magistrate, Murshidabad	
434	31 Aug.	George Purling	——	
435	31 Aug.	J. Shore & others		
	31 Aug.	M. Dawson		Enclosing a *Hundi* upon the house of Radhakrishna and Ramkrishna for Sa Rs 49,000/- on account of the revenues of the district.
436	1 Sep.	J. E. Harington		

No	Date	To whom addressed		Remarks
		Name	Designation	
	1 Sep. 1788	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Transmitting an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements of the district for Sep. 1788.
437	1 Sep.	E. Fenwick	Military Paymaster General	
438	2 Sep.	J. Shore & others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	
	2 Sep.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting the Register of deposits for Aug. 1788.
	3 Sep.	J. White	Remembrancer of the Criminal Courts	Transmitting the cash Account of the district with vouchers for Aug. 1788.
439	4 Sep.	R. Becher	Resident at Rangpur	
	5 Sep.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting the Treasury Account of the district for Aug. 1788
	5 Sep.	B. Crisp	Registrar to the *Sadar Diwany Adalat.*	Transmitting the Abstract Register of the *Diwany Adalat* for Aug. 1788
	5 Sep.	Ditto		Transmitting the Account of deposits and fines received in the *Diwany Adalat*, with an account current, for Aug. 1788 and a bill of exchange drawn upon the house of Jagat Seth for Sa Rs 203-1-6 pice.
440	5 Sep.	J. White		
441	5 Sep.	R. Becher		
442	6 Sep.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate at Rangpur	
	6 Sep.	Charles Cockerell	Post Master General	Transmitting the bill for the *Dák* charges of the district for Aug. 1788.

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		Name	Designation	
	8 Sep. 1788	J. E. Harington	Accountant to the Board of Rev.	Transmitting two drafts for Sa Rs. 18,000- and 10,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
	9 Sep.	D. H. McDowall	Magistrate of Rangpur	Enclosing the deposition of Mohoboolla of *pargana* Batasan for the detection of the murderer of Mirza Lal Jean.
443	10 Sep.	Ditto		
	11 Sep.	J. White	Remembrancer of the criminal Courts.	Transmitting the report of prisoners apprehended in the month of ***Zilkadah*** 1202 ***Hijree.***
	13 Sep.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting a draft for Sa Rs 70,000- on account of the revenues of the district.
444	15 Sep.	J. White		
	15 Sep.	J. Shore and others	President and Members of the Board of Rev.	Transmitting the Price Current of Grain of the district. [for Aug. 1788 ?]
	15 Sep.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting a statement of cash for Sep. 1788.
445	18 Sep.	William Jackson	Registrar to the Supreme Court of Judicature	
446	19 Sep.	D. H. McDowall		
447	19 Sep.	J. Shore & others		
	20 Sep.	J. E. Harington		Transmitting a statement of cash showing the receipts expected in the Treasury on the 30 Sep. 1788
448	21 Sep.	J. White		
449	23 Sep.	D. H. McDowall		

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